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RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

With this week the winter term at the Normal School closes. It has been a remarkable term. Remarkable because every one has been unusually busy. Everybody? Yes, everybody, from the never-resting Principal on down through all the grades and departments to the elevator boy—all have been busy. The great body of students seemed to realize as never before, the importance of properly and profitably employing every day of the term.

It is certainly most gratifying to know in so large a body of young people as are here gathered, almost every student manifests clearly that he understands what he came to school for. He understands that, surrounded by conditions and influences such as are found in the Bloomsburg Normal, his duty is to get out of these splendid opportunities every possible advantage.

Speaking of the conditions and influences of our school, leads us to note that the great number of visitors that have come from far and near, during the past term, express great surprise at the splendid equipment of the school.

We are not permitted at this time to go into a detailed statement or enumeration of all the several departments. Suffice it therefore, to say that with the well-planned Manual Training Department, the Vocal Music, and Drawing Departments, all without any extra cost, and adding to these the splendid opportunities for physical training as afforded in one of the very best gymnasiums in this country, there are very few schools if any that present to the young people of its district, such splendid advantages for securing an education.

Many other things also compel the interested visitor to say unhesitatingly that this is a well equipped and well organized school. The well selected library, chosen with special regard to the various courses of study, and having direct bearing upon the work of each year of each department, and in addition to this the advantages arising from the possible culture to be secured from the two well conducted literary societies, all combine to furnish the student of to-day with advantages for literary culture that were unheard of until within very recent years.

And these influences and this environment are bearing fruit. Yes, truly, for never before have there been so large a number of inquiries for information concerning the school, as in this year. Almost every mail of each day brings from one to a score of letters wanting to know one thing or another about the school. And even more tangible evidence is manifested in this, that rooms are being rapidly taken for the Spring term. Every available part of the great dormitory will be put in readiness to receive the throng of anxious students, who will knock at our doors within the next three weeks. Let them come. Bloomsburg's great home school, for it is as much a *home* for its busy toilers as any school can be, will receive them with kindest welcome. And then as these new members of the great family go forth in the days to come, to tell the praises of our school, other sons and daughters of our great commonwealth will be drawn hither, and thus the future is made bright in the hope of continued usefulness and prosperity.

For Odd Fellows.

A proclamation has been issued from the sovereign grand lodge of the I. O. O. F., directing the grand and subordinate bodies of the organization to take suitable action for the observance of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the order, which will occur April 26th. The suggestion is made that the celebration take place on the 25th or 27th, seeing that April 26th falls on Sunday. A general order, recently issued by the commander-in-chief, calls for a national cantonment of the entire Army of Patriarchs Militant, to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., August 5th. It is expected that cash prizes, amounting to not less than $2,000, will be awarded to the best drilled cantons parading on that occasion.

Why Not Advertise?

The most successful business men prove, by liberal expenditure, that there never have been times so dull that extra advertising did not pay. The foolish business man cuts his publicity appropriation when business appears to be poor, and allows the neighbor in business to cut into his old customers, and keep new ones away from him.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

The whole community was startled Monday afternoon when the news was passed from one to another that Mrs. J. M. Gidding had suddenly died at her residence on East Street, about one o'clock. A sudden death always carries with it a shock, and the circumstances attending this one were of such a nature as to render it more startling than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Gidding were married in January, 1894. and she by her genial manners and kind disposition won and held the esteem of a large circle of friends, who deeply sympathize with Mr. Gidding in this his great affliction. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldsmith of Danville, and a sister of Mrs. Max Gross of this place. Her age was twenty-six years. The funeral services were held at her late residence Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the remains taken to Danville for interment on the noon train.

The services were conducted by Rev. Adolph Meyer, Rabbi of the Jewish Synagogue of Danville, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Gidding has been severely afflicted since he came to this town a few years ago. A short time after he went into the clothing business with Peter Salsburg, the latter died suddenly from the rupture of a blood vessel. Not long after that Mr. Gidding's mother died at Scranton, and now his life partner and help-meet, is snatched from him by the Destroyer. Truly the ways of Providence are past finding out.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

Some Distinguished People Who Will Attend these Sessions at Williamsport.

The Methodists at Williamsport have made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, which met in its twenty-eighth annual session, in that city, on Tuesday March 17th. Bishop John H. Vincent was the presiding officer and is the guest of Presiding Elder M. K. Foster. Many other prominent church people will be there, among them being: Gov. D. H. Hastings, the guest of Attorney General McCormick; ex-Governor Pattison will be entertained by Mayor Elliot; Dr. A. B. Leonard, Secretary of the Missionary Society, New York; Dr. Spencer, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Philadelphia; Dr. Goucher, President of the Woman's College, Baltimore: Dr. Bleiler, Chancellor of the Washington D. C., University; Rev. J. W. Hamilton, secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, of Boston; Dr. George B. Reed, President of the Dickinson College, Carlisle; John G. Wooley, the temperance orator of Chicago; Dr. C. W. Rishel, of the Boston University.

The sessions began Tuesday evening with a temperance anniversary meeting, at which Williamsport's recently elected Prohibition Mayor, Mr. James Hansel, presided and made an address. The program for the week includes the regular business meetings each morning, with the several society anniversaries in the afternoon and evenings. It is believed that the various reports this year will show a goodly increase in all branches of church work in this Conference.

STILL IMPROVING.

Over 300 pounds of type have been thrown out of the cases at this office within the past week, and its place filled by new types. The new material includes a large font of poster letter, body type, and several fonts of new job type of the latest faces. A new Acme binding machine has also been added to the machinery of the office. This machine has both table and saddle binding attachments, with which books can be bound through the back or through the fold. The reason why our job department is always crowded with work, is because this office is up to date, and is one of the best equipped establishments in this end of the state.

"Peck's Bad Boy" Company, which has been so many years on the road, will appear at the Opera House March 23d. An excellent programme is promised, one which presents an excruciatingly funny farce comedy, with the assistance of pretty women and witty comedians. Special scenery, including the famous grocery store, may be expected, and also magnificent costumes, bright music, specialties, fun of a wholesome kind from the moment the curtain rises until its last fall.

THE BLOOMSBURG M. E. CHURCH.

At a meeting of the official board of this church on Monday evening the annual reports for the year were submitted and the business for the past year settled.

The year closed has been one of marked success both along financial and spiritual lines. The missionary contributions are from the church $708.00 and Sunday School $252.00 or a total of $960.00. The benevolent collections &c., are $824.00. The trustees collections $631.00. Pastors salary $1700.00. Elders salary $100.00 and Sunday School $452.00 or a total of $4467.00.

Probationers received during the year 139 besides 40 accessions by letter. After deducting those who have taken letters of removal and striking off those who cannot be found and those who have withdrawn their support it leaves a membership of about 700.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 615. The Epworth League and Junior Leagues have doubled their membership and the attendance at class meeting has also doubled. It will thus be observed that there has been an advance on all lines. The trustees, Sunday School and stewards treasurers all have a balance on the credit side. The new church has been started and the prospects are that before the close of an other year this congregation will have completed one of the finest and most comfortable church edifices in this conference.

Resolutions appreciative of Rev. B. C. Conner's labors and requesting his return were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

F. B. HARTMAN.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The sixth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Wilkes-Barre district will be held at Catawissa on March 20th to 22nd. The district includes Luzerne, Columbia and Carbon counties, and the Associations of Berwick, Bloomsburg, Hazleton, Mauch Chunk, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, the Normal School, and Wyoming Seminary. C. K. Taylor is a member of the District committee for Bloomsburg.

The exercises will open to-morrow evening in the Lutheran Church, and the sessions will be held alternately in the several churches of Catawissa. Among the participants in the exercises, of this town, are F. Freeman Boas who will deliver an address on "What is a successful men's meeting, and how obtained." Prof. A. K. Aldinger will discuss "What comprises a satisfactory social work; and how persistently should it be carried on." Dr. A. Graydon will conduct a song service on Saturday evening. P. L. Drum of the Normal will talk on "The need for the college Y. M. C. A."

All delegates will be entertained by the hospitable people of Catawissa.

DAN'L A. KELLY.

Very few, if any, of our American comedians have a greater or more deserved popularity than Dan'l A. Kelly. Beginning at the bottom of the professional ladder he has by a thorough conscientious effort attained to the front rank. He is irresistibly funny, though his work is of that peculiarly refined and artistic order which appeals to the best and most cultured people. He never descends to "buffoonery" or other vulgar methods to create laughter. The charm of intelligence and refinement is always noticeable. He is remarkably versatile, and as an impersonator of comic, eccentric, and pathetic characters, is recognized without a peer. The announcement of the appearance of Mr. Dan'l A. Kelly and his talented company in his latest sensational comedy drama, "Outcasts of a Great City," is a guarantee of a thoroughly pleasing performance.

Opera House, Tuesday March 24th.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Amanda B. West died at her residence on Normal Hill on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock. She had been sick for a couple of weeks, but feeling better yesterday she left her bed, and died while sitting in a chair. One son, R. V. West, Superintendent of the Electric Light Works, and one daughter, Jessie, survive her. The funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at the house, by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, and the remains will be taken to Woodbury, N. J., for interment.

An Old-Fashioned Revival.

It has probably struck some people as strange to hear rectors of Episcopal churches proclaiming their wish for an old-fashioned revival and to see the efforts put forth to accomplish that object. The Episcopal Church has always been conservative in its methods and has trusted to the steady inculcation of its doctrines, the growth of population and its splendid organization to increase its numbers, rather than to revivals and special efforts to make converts. This has made its growth slower than that of most churches, but it has probably held better the gain it has made. Its growth in large cities in recent years has been great, but this has been largely at the expense of other denominations and not as the result of unusual efforts.

But now, apparently, the old methods are to be abandoned and the Episcopal Church is to enter the field as a proselyting sect. The season of Lent, which has been regarded as the time for penitence, is also to be regarded now as a season for revival. An English preacher, who has made a wide reputation at home as a revivalist, is in this country working among Episcopal churches. His methods do not vary much from those employed by revivalists of other denominations, except that he does not attempt to awaken excitement, and trusts more to sympathetic words than to appeals to the emotions. His sermons are simple, earnest and intended to touch the reason as well as the hearts of his hearers. At times he will discard his priestly robe and stepping down among the congregation will offer counsel and advice to whoever may ask it. By these and other methods he is awakening a revival spirit in the Episcopal churches he has visited.

But the efforts of this English clergyman are only one phase of the situation. The home clergymen have shown as much zeal, earnestness and sympathy as their English brother and have been fully as successful. Lenten weekday services have been crowded, and no more powerful and searching sermons have been heard than those preached by American ministers. A few years ago it was found that a noonday service for men could be made to succeed in old Trinity Church, New York City, and when the late Phillips Brooks occupied the pulpit the edifice was filled to its utmost capacity. Similar services in churches in Philadelphia, situated in the business district of the city, have attracted crowds of hearers, and it has been demonstrated again what power the Gospel, when simply and directly preached, has over the minds and hearts of men.

This new spirit in the Episcopal Church is not a sudden manifestation, but a gradual growth. It is like the effort made in other churches to adapt their methods to the growing changes of the time. All the great movements in religious life during recent years have been in the direction of exchanging form for reality. The world has demanded of the Church that it give an account of its stewardship, and that it show itself to be a vital force in society. The Church has responded by stepping out into the field of active work and showing by results that the time, money and effort it spent were well employed. This spirit has infected the Episcopal Church as well as others. The success of voluntary religious organizations is another reason why Episcopal clergymen are asking for an old-fashioned revival. To cite one example only, the rise and progress of the Christian Endeavor Society has been a revelation to the churches. It has shown what wonders voluntary effort when directed by the right spirit can accomplish.

The latest statistics of the Episcopal Church placed its membership at 626,290, with 5979 churches and 4580 ministers. This is an increase of about 75,000 in membership, of 870 in churches and of 350 in ministers in the past five years. Gratifying as this increase is, it will probably be exceeded by the growth made in the next five years as a result of the new revival spirit now animating the Church.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Prof. Hendricks, who has been one of the familiar figures at the Normal for a long time past, has decided to give up teaching and engage in business at Selinsgrove. Monday afternoon he brought the pupils, who sit at his table down to the Exchange Bakery and treated them to ice cream, cakes and other delicacies, after which they repaired to the Market Square gallery and had their pictures taken.

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LIVE QUESTIONS.

A Series of Articles Contributed to These Columns by Advanced Thinkers.

INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION.

Whenever a strike or lockout is of sufficient importance to attract public attention, after it has continued for a few days there begins to be talk of "arbitration" on the part of the press and of the workingmen who are engaged in the contest.

If arbitration is resorted to, the questions in dispute are referred to one or more arbitrators, who hear both sides and decide between them. This is, of course, a judicial process, except that the submission of the question on both sides is purely voluntary, as neither can force the other into court, and the obligation to abide by the decision is moral only; there is nothing legally binding in it.

Usually strikes and lockouts are settled in a less formal way by the intervention of persons inspired either by private or public interest, who act as go betweens and run from one side to the other, gaining a little concession here and there, smoothing away one difficulty after another, and finally arranging matters with as little loss of dignity as possible to the contending parties.

But between civilized bodies of men whose services are vitally important to each other, who make their living by the help of each other, it is a disgrace that there should be these constantly recurring contentions.

They arise only from the selfishness and tyranny of men, unrestrained by nobler qualities, and selfishness and tyranny are equally hateful and mischievous whether exhibited by employers or employed. Unfortunately, whichever side has had the power has usually exercised it in so arrogant a manner and with such unrelenting harshness as to goad the other side to resistance, resulting often in a state of open warfare which has continued either until one side or the other is quite conquered, when the old series of acts is begun again to end in the same way or until both sides are exhausted.

The fact needs to be emphasized that the same qualities have been exhibited by both sides, that human nature, when undisciplined, is very much the same thing "in masters and in men," and that neither side has a right to cast stones, but both should cry "mea culpa, mea culpa!" At times it is the labor organizations which are dictatorial, while the employers cringe and relinquish all their rights to maintain peace, but more frequently the employers are arbitrary and tyrannical, asserting loudly that they "intend to manage their own business as they choose and will not be interfered with by their workmen."

IN SOLVING A PROBLEM USE ALL THE FACTORS

Here is the weak point—there will never be justice between employers and employees, and consequently there will never be a lasting peace, until the public and the employers recognize the claim of the employees to a voice in the settlement of questions relating to the conditions of labor. These questions are of vital importance to the employees, and do, in fact, more nearly concern them than they do the employers, for in the case of the latter it is only their business success or their living which is involved, while with the employees all interests are at stake. It can scarcely be expected that American citizens who have been born and bred with the instincts of freemen will submit tamely to a system which places their welfare entirely in the hands of others.

The above suggestion will be new to many, and may seem to be unreasonable, but the more it is considered the more just it will show itself to be, and it will finally be acknowledged to be true. As Mr. William H. Sayward, secretary of the National Association of Builders (an association of employers), says in a lecture on the "Relation of Employer and Workman:"

"The labor question has two component parts, the employing or profit labor and the performing or wage labor, and it is folly to attempt to deal with the question at all unless both parties are united in the consideration. Neither party to the joint interest can handle the question alone."

HON. C. F. ADAMS ON ARBITRATION.

The next question is the practical one, "How can employees be taken into the councils of their employers?" and the answer made by Mr. Charles Francis Adams, for many years state railroad commissioner in Massachusetts and for many years also president of the Union Pacific railroad, in an article entitled "The Prevention of Railroad Strikes," is one which must cause a responsive thrill in every American breast:

"It will be impossible to establish perfectly good faith and the highest morale in the service of the companies (railroad) until the problem of giving this voice to employees and giving it effectively is solved. It can be solved in but one way, that is, by representation. To solve it may mean industrial peace.

"It is impossible to dispose of these difficult matters in town meetings. Nevertheless, the town meeting must be at the base of any successful plan of disposing of them. The end in view is to bring the employer—who in this case is the company, represented by its president and board of directors—and the employees into direct and immediate contact through a representative system. When thus brought into direct and immediate contact, the parties must arrive at results through the usual methods; that is, by discussion and rational agreement.

"It follows the lines of action with which the people of this country are most familiar. The path is that in which for centuries they have been accustomed to tread. It has led them out of many difficulties. Why not out of this difficulty?"

THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM BEST.

Mr. Adams' solution is, so far as American railroads are concerned, purely theoretic. There is in other industrial fields proof that the principles he advocates are correct. Experience has demonstrated that the representative system is as useful in business as in government. For the last 20 or 30 years in many large industries in England all questions of conditions of work have been settled, without strike or lockout, by "joint boards," "boards of conciliation" or "arbitration boards," on which the associations of employers and employees have both been represented by delegates duly chosen and empowered to legislate for their constituents, and on these boards the employers and employees have always had an equal representation. In our country also and in Belgium such boards are known and have met with equal success, but the practice of justice with us has been neither so long nor so widely extended as in England, and, strangely enough, employers here, instead of instinctively recognizing that this is the only solution of the difficulties of the "labor question," assume a tone of arbitrary ownership and proclaim their right to issue orders which must be obeyed.

From business men one might have expected more "practical" conduct, since it is very evident that those who adopt this position do not succeed in avoiding labor conflicts and disturbances which cause them great loss and trouble, while the employers who recognize the justice of their employees' claim to a joint control in questions of common interest do escape them.

In the cases where "joint boards" are formed the preliminary step usually is the mutual recognition that both sides are about equal in strength, that each can injure the other seriously, but that neither can conquer the other. The proof of this necessarily comes from the experience of a long series of alternating strikes and lockouts—the employees making unreasonable demands when trade is good, the employers doing the same when trade is bad, a system "mutually predatory." Finally it occurs to a few men on one side or the other that the whole thing is unworthy of intelligent men who make their living by the help of each other.

This sounds simple enough, and to a disinterested observer seems the only reasonable method of settling questions which are of the greatest importance to both employers and employed, which cannot be settled except by mutual consent, either forced or voluntary, and which must be settled if business is to continue.

And yet the obstinacy and arrogance of men make this reasonable arrangement a very difficult one to accomplish.

FAIRNESS ON BOTH SIDES.

The two sides must be about equal in strength, or, in other words, both must be "well organized"—there must be a strong association of employers and a strong trades union or other labor organization, both of which shall represent the majority of the employers and workmen in the trade. This is necessary because the "joint committee" or "wages board" must be composed of representatives who are authorized to bind their constituents; otherwise their agreements would be empty words.

Besides this, however, both the representatives and the organizations they represent must in the main be honest men, intelligent men, or the plan will fail. JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL.

New York, March, 1896.

THE LOCAL PAPER.

In newspaper work as well as elsewhere "distance lends enchantment to the view." Many people imagine that the paper published far away is for that very reason better than the home paper. But this is often not the case.

Every one should be deeply interested in the home paper—support it heartily.

The newspaper is the greatest means for spreading knowledge in existence. It is the one means, the only one, that reaches all the people with knowledge, and hence is at once school, professor and textbook combined.

The newspaper, more and more, is catering to the tastes of all classes. Its editorial policy may be for one party or denomination, but in its pages will be found a vast variety of opinions on all kinds of subjects. The secret of the success of the great dailies is this—that they have opened their columns to all kinds of ideas. I am sure that this is the method and purpose of all local papers who know the trend of things and appreciate the situation.

The editor who would admit nothing into his pages but that which agreed with his own views would certainly be out of place and not succeed.

As the forum where opinions and theories meet and clash, lose and win, the local paper is a great institution, and is destined to have a still greater future.

Along the two or three lines hinted above—viz, (1) greater variety, (2) more literary finish, (3) greater accuracy in statement, whether in argument, descriptions or reports—the newspaper of the future will develop, and editors everywhere are planning and working in these directions. Now, the reader is not always aware of the great difficulties and large expenditures necessary for such improvements. Hence his (or her) warm co-operation is of great value. Too many people, for example, do not appreciate the fact that a notice, announcement, report or article written for the local paper should be well written. We dash off a paragraph of news and hand it to the editor with not much care as to its accuracy or its gracefulness of diction. In writing the most commonplace of announcements we should be as careful as in preparing an essay that is to be perused by a critic. Again, there are hundreds of good thoughts cherished in every community that never get into print. If these sincere and capable people would write out their dearest opinions, putting them in crisp, clear, terse and smooth sentences, editors would be glad to publish them.

These are only a few of the many ways that we, dear reader, can help the editor, and we owe it to the cause of human progress to do so.

ANTHONY MURDOCK.

WHO IS HE?

Story of a New York "Meanest Man," who is of the 400.

We all know him. His name is in the list of the "Four Hundred." He is prominent in church work. His wealth is counted by millions. Not many years ago his brother was at the head of a great manufacturing establishment, which he had built up in this city, and from which he derived an enormous income. Illness laid him low, his doctors said he would die within a week and he sent for this "meanest man."

"Brother," he said. "I shall be dead in a few days. I want to turn my property over to you. Take everything and do what good you can in the world."

So the business was given to the "meanest man," and preparations were made for the funeral of the rich brother. He, however, fooled the doctors and got well. His first move was an attempt to recover his property from his brother, but the latter held on, and has held on ever since. He captured the whole plant, and has it yet, and that man who gave it to him on his deathbed is now dependent on him for support.—New York Press.

BUILT A RAILROAD ON FAITH.

What the Confidence of a Farmer Has Done In Minnesota.

Perhaps the most curious incident growing out of opposition to railway monopoly is found up in Minnesota, and is described in the Chicago Times-Herald. A farmer named Hines, who owned nothing in the world but a quarter section of mortgaged land and a spavined team of horses, suddenly concluded that the country was being robbed by railroads, and that the farmers must build a road of their own. He started out. The farmers did not have any money with which to subscribe for stock, but they pledged so many days' work on the road. Others made a gift of the right of way. Still others went into the woods and cut ties. Farmer Hines was much ridiculed when he started his agricultural road, but he has stuck manfully to his task, and now the chances are the road will be actually built. He has 150 miles of right of way, pledges for the earthwork, and ties enough to cover the line. The road will run from Duluth west through the Red River Valley into North Dakota, opening up a new section of country. This is what an American farmer with a spavined team and faith in himself can do when he sets about it.

An Expert Confounded.

The Butte Inter-Mountain tells a good gold-dust story of George Wilson, who owned the famous Paris mine in Park county, Mont. Wilson was visited by some Englishmen one day, among whom was an expert of the English pattern—one who knew all about mines and a great deal about everything else, in his own opinion. They wanted to see some of Wilson's gold, and he panned out some very fine colors for their edification. "But that isn't gold," pronounced the youthful expert, after a critical examination. "Me deah fellah, I am a graduate of the English School of Mines, and I know gold when I see it, you know. That is iron." Wilson didn't say much. He just leaned over and took the alleged expert confidingly by the shoulder. "Mebbe it isn't," he said, "but don't go and give it away to those fellows down at the Denver mint, for I have been selling the stuff to them for gold all along."

No Apology Needed.

In addition to giving the convicted man a term of ten years in prison, the judge imposed on him the gratuitous punishment of listening to a long speech made for the benefit of the reporters, in which he set forth specifically the reasons for his action.

"You needn't have done all that apologizin' fer imposin' on a feller man," said the culprit, kindly. "They ain't no hard feelings on my part. I know as well as you do that a man can't hold the job of judge and act the gentleman at the same time."—Indianapolis Journal.

He Knew Their Flattery.

When the picture of the Russian Grand Duchess Olga, whom he later married, was shown to the late King Charles of Wurtemburg, he looked at the portrait carefully and then said, dryly: "The portrait is highly flattering; the hair is too full, the eyes are too brilliant and the skin too fresh." "But, your Majesty, you do not know the Princess," answered the adjutant, who had been sent from St. Petersburg. "No, that is true," said the King, "but I know court painters."—New York Tribune.

Just Nature, That's All.

I don't know why it is, but a woman will never answer you frankly, directly, and point blank, if you ask her what size shoes she wears. She won't say, "I wear threes or fours"—fours being the average size of the feminine shoe. She will say—and if you don't believe me, try it—"Well, these are fours," with the emphasis on the "these," quite as if "these" weren't at all the shoes she habitually wears, but somebody's else, slipped on entirely by accident. She usually adds, "But they're miles too big for me." Why does she do it? That's a sphinx's riddle.

All Luck.

"Ef I had your luck and you had mine," said Dismal Dawson to one of his prosperous clients, "I'spose it would be me helpin' you."

"Luck?" answered the prosperous one. "I made all my money by hard work."

"That's where the luck figgers. You was borned with a likin' fer work, I wasn't."—Indianapolis Journal.

Rudyard Kipling was asked recently whether he enjoyed writing poetry or prose most. He remarked that the pleasure of creating a poem was the highest intellectual delight he had ever experienced.

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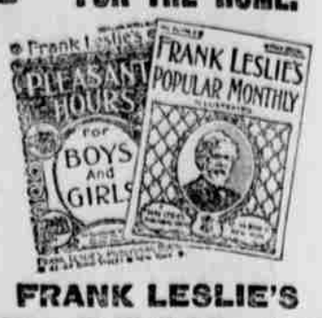

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 13th, 1896.

President Cleveland is allowing the Senators to monopolize the talk on Cuban affairs, and they have certainly done a lot of it that was entirely unnecessary, this week, inasmuch as the acceptance of the report of the committee on Foreign Relations in favor of the Senate accepting the House resolutions as a substitute for its own resolutions, was a foregone conclusion from the first. And talking wasn't the only unnecessary thing the Senate did this week. While the report of its committee was pending, it adopted a resolution, calling on the President for all the information in his possession concerning the present state of affairs in Cuba. Cuban affairs were fully discussed at the last cabinet meeting, and there are rumors of the President having sent a trusted agent to Cuba, to find out just how things are, and of his intention to send a message to Congress on the subject, but neither the President nor any member of his cabinet will talk about it, at least not for publication. One thing can be set down as certain. Congress has been stampeded, but the administration will not be. Mr. Cleveland wants to know he is right before he takes action that cannot be recalled, and which may cost the United States thousands of lives and millions of dollars.

The report of the majority of the Senate Election Committee, written by Chandler, of N. H., in favor of the resolution for investigating the election of the Alabama Legislature that elected Senator Morgan exposes a republican plot to get a majority in the Senate by unfair means. Their purpose is to use the populists to help the pass this resolution. Then to have the investigation committee report in favor of unseating Senator Morgan, when the populists are again expected to join them in voting for the adoption of that report.

The republicans in the House hope to get some campaign thunder out of the hearings which have been arranged by a sub-committee of the House committee on Ways and Means for next week. These hearings are announced to be for the purpose of ascertaining whether the reciprocity treaties and arrangements made by the late Mr. Blaine, during the last republican administration, were of sufficient benefit to this country to make their renewal advisable, and what tariff and customs regulations in foreign countries are detrimental to an increase in our foreign business. As to the reciprocity treaties, the democratic Congress which repealed them ascertained by thorough investigation that this country received no benefit at all from the most of them, and from the others so little that the whole business was thrown overboard. Unless I miss my guess these hearings will be followed by the same rose-colored newspaper fairy stories about reciprocity which were so plentiful when Mr. Blaine was working on the scheme.

Senators Morgan and Chandler made a very good imitation of a monkey out of Senator Hoar during the somewhat acid debate which followed Senator Hale's rather remarkable proceeding of having read a statement made by the Spanish minister, which accused three Senators by name with having made untrue statements during the argument on the Cuban resolutions. Senator Hoar put in his oar by offering a resolution to postpone consideration of the report of the Foreign Relations committee until April 6th, and aggravated the matter by some sneering remarks at the expense of that committee for having agreed to a resolution that was binding upon nobody. Just when he was talking about the injustice of our meddling with the affairs of Spain and Cuba, Senator Morgan quietly upset the old gentleman by asking: "Where did you get the information upon which to sustain your earnest action regarding Armenia?" After Mr. Hoar had tried to reconcile his late position toward the Armenians with his present position toward the Cubans, to the great amusement of the Senate and the crowded galleries, Senator Chandler read a telegram which Senator Hoar sent to the President, offering his support by speech and vote for the most vigorous measures against the Turks, even to treating them as pirates and enemies of the human race, and turning to Mr. Hoar, he said: "I suppose you intended to add, provided that nothing is done until after April 6th."

The anti-option bill of Col. Hatch, which has been killed so often, and which passed the House in the last Congress, and came near enough to being passed by the Senate to badly frighten its opponents, is about to be killed once more. The House committee on Agriculture has agreed to table the bill.

Senator Turpie's speech against the right of Dupont, of Del., to a seat in the Senate is unanswerable from a legal and constitutional point of view.

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EUROPEAN LETTER.

From Our Special Correspondent.

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This morning I went to the dome of St. Peter's, 435 feet high. I was tired after that climb, and sat down and rested and drank in the beauty of that scene for a long time. On the west lay the drearer campagna, which is intererting historically, —not physically. The soil looks poor. It has had time to wear out, hasn't it, during 4000 years? The city outskirts are belted with undulating hills. Farther on, these wrinkles are smoothed out. Still farther, in the distance, the sea can be seen. This roof is so immense that families occupy houses built on top of it. To the north lay the Janiculum Aventine, Capitoline and Palatine Hills. To the east, the Pincian and Quirinal, and in the distance the snow-capped Alban mountains. Just in front flowed the Tiber, separating the old, densely built section of the city from the more open, newer part. It turns sharply at right angles soon after it passes the Castle of St. Angelo, getting out of the way of the slope which rises gradually to St. Peter's. To the south lay a great campus, on which I counted twenty companies of soldiers going through their daily drill. Adjoining the church on this side, is the largest palace in the world, the Vatican, which is, indeed a small world in itself, politically isolated, as is the District of Columbia. On this territory, sacred to the Pope, no Italian soldier can set foot; I refer of course, to the palace or Vatican gardens. From my height, I looked down on his Holiness' private grounds, beautifully laid out. Just beyond them is a piece of woodland which looks as if it had been snatched bodily from a dense forest and set down here—so wild and uncultivated is is. Here, we imagine, His Holiness takes refuge on hot summer evenings; and with the trees as sentinels, he walks and meditates on how he can regain the power he will never know He has enough titles to be at the head of the universe. Here they are: Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Pontifex of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province of Rome, Sovereign of the Temporal Dominions of the Holy Roman Church. Are you out of breath? And yet he is a good man. He cannot help his titles.

Coming down the stairs, I counted 64 marble slabs, which had been inlaid in the wall, announcing that on such a date, such a crowned head or royal personage had ascended the dome of St. Peters. This reminds me that one of the original stones of the wall of Romlus, which surrounded the old city on the Palatine Hill, is among the inlaid stones in our Washington monument. Then I went down and around to the Vatican library, where I saw many relics from the Catacombs, many invaluable illuminated manuscripts, beautiful stained glass, and many priceless treasures in the shape of vases, etc., which had been presented to the different Popes from the greatest personages, and from the farthest ends of the earth. But what surprised me on the street, was an African Francescan monk.

Yesterday, under the shadow of the prison where his Apostolic namesake was confined, I took Paul, a book and a ball, and went to spend the afternoon in the Forum Romanum. I sat on the steps of the Basilica Julia and read, while Paul kicked his football up and down the fl. gstones of the Sacred Way. If stones ever preach sermon s, how eloquent are these! Presently the ball rolled far off and fell into the Cleoaca Maxima. Then there was a great anxiety until I spoke to a workman, who got a ladder and handed the ball up from the sluggish. The ladder was at hand, or I should never have taken steps to recover the ball. We have just come home and are tired. Yesterday, likewise, we spent the afternoon there, and the two days preceding we enjoyed the warm sunshine and the fine military band on the green lawns of the Pincian Hill. Here we almost always see the King and Queen taking a drive. But they are always in different carriages, and appear at different times. Thursday the King was driving a pair of spirited horses, and yet took off his hat to everybody who glanced toward him. A kingly prerogative! As the hill was swarming with people he had his hands full.

The Court ball was given up last week on account of the war. The King won approbation by ordering that the funds which had been intended for it should be distributed among the charitable institutions of the city. On account of the war there is to be no carnival this year, and no wonder; for Italy is holding her breath in the greatest suspense, and is too heart-sick for merry-making. The *Tribunal*, one of the principal papers, has its offices very near us and each evening, coming from dinner, we pass through a great crowd of men, boys and wagons, all waiting to carry the night editions over the city. The other night, when good news came, it spread like lightning, and balls and other entertainments stopped for a few minutes, while the national anthem was played amid the greatest enthusiasm. All of which leads me to make the original remark, that war is a great social evil. Italy is now momentarily expecting to hear news from Africa of a decisive battle.

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Eggs—What They're Used For.

A large proportion of the eggs used in this country go into the manufacture of other articles than food, and to these sources of demand is due the high prices of eggs, which is very uniformly maintained. The calico print works use over 40,000,000 eggs each year; photographic establishments use millions of dozens and wine clarifiers call for 10,000,000 dozen. They are used by book binders and kid glove manufacturers for finishing fine leather, and in making "glair" for hot press printing, the albumen of the egg furnishing the best quality. The demand for these uses increases faster than the demand for table use; so there will always be profit in raising chickens.

Pugilism Prohibited.

A law which prohibits prize fighting in the territories and District of Columbia has just been passed by Congres. The penalty inflicted for violating this law is five years' imprisonment. Pugilism has had its day. The states will no longer permit these disgraceful combats on their borders, and prize fighting must follow in the parhway of dueling, which preceded it.

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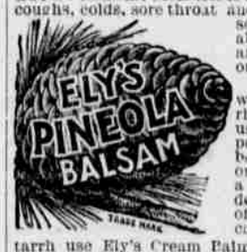

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Catawissa	ar	8 58	12 18	4 3[illegible]	6 18
Catawissa	lv	8 55	12 18	4 38	6 18
Riverside	"	9 14	12 37	4 57	6 37
Sunbury	"	9 35	1 00	5 20	7 00
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury	lv	‖ 9 56	‖ 1 35	‖ 5 40	‖ 9 22
Lewisburg	ar	10 29	2 08	6 15	
Milton	"	10 24	2 03	6 09	9 32
Williamsport	"	11 15	3 10	7 00	10 40
Lock Haven	"	12 10	4 10	8 00	
Renovo	"	P. M.	5 35	9 10	
Kane	"	.....	9 15	.....	.....
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury	lv	‖ 9 48	‖ 1 50	‖ 5 51	‖ 1 8 1[illegible]
Harrisburg	ar	11 30	‖ 3 20	‖ 7 10	10 0[illegible]
		P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Philadelphia	ar	‖ 3 00	‖ 6 [illegible]	11 1	‖ 4 30
Baltimore	"	‖ 3 10	‖ 6 15	10 40	6 20
Washington	"	‖ 4 35	‖ 7 30	.....	7 40
		A. M.	P. M.		
Sunbury	lv	10 05	‖ 2 25	.....	.....
		P. M.			
Lewistown Jc	ar	12 05	‖ 4 25	.....	.....
Pittsburg	"	‖ 8 10	11 30	.....	.....
			P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg	lv	.....	‖ 3 50	‖ 7 3[illegible]	‖ 11
				A. M.	A. M.
Pittsburg	ar	.....	11 50	‖ 2 00	7 15

‖ Daily, except Sunday. Daily. † Flag station.

						Daily
		P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.
Pittsburg	lv	‖ 7 0[illegible]	‖ 8 10	.....	‖ 8 00	‖ 8 10
Harrisburg	ar	A. M. ‖ 2 0	A. M. ‖ 3 30	.....	P. M. ‖ 3 10	A. M. ‖ 3 30
			A. M.		A. M.	
Pittsburg	lv	.....	.....	.....	† 8 00	.....
			P. M.		P. M.	
Lewistown Jc.	"	..... † 7 31	.....	.....	† 3 00	.....
Sunbury	ar	..... † 9 48	.....	.....	† 5 00	.....
		P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	A. M.
Washington	lv	‖10 40	.....	.....	‖10 30	.....
Baltimore	"	‖11 50	‖ 4 45	.....	‖ 1 40	‖ 4 45
Philadelphia	"	‖11 20	‖ 4 30	.....	12 2	‖ 4 30
			P. M.		P. M.	A.
Harrisburg	lv	‖ 3 30	‖ 8 15	.....	† 3 55	‖
Sunbury	ar	‖ 5 08	‖ 9 55	.....	† 5 35	‖
		P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.
Erie	lv	‖ 3 25	.....	.....	.....	‖ 3 25
Kane	"	7 05	.....	.....	† 6 30	7 05
Renova	"	10 55	.....	.....	10 25	10 55
Lock Haven	"	11 25	† 7 15	.....	11 20	11 25
		A. M.			P. M.	A. M.
Williamsport	"	3 25	8 1[illegible]	.....	4 00	3 25
Milton	"	4 12	9 10	.....	4 56	4 12
Lewisburg	"	.....	9 00	.....	4 47	.....
Sunbury	ar	4 36	9 38	.....	5 23	4 36
		A. M.	A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Sunbury	lv	† 5 25	10 00	.....	† 5 43	11
Riverside	"	5 48	10 22	.....	6 07	
Catawissa	"	6 08	10 40	.....	6 26	10 42
E. Bloomsburg	"	Via	10 48	.....	6 33	10 49
Espy Ferry	"	Rock	‖10 52	.....	‖ 6 38	‖10 52
Creasy	"	Glen.	11 01	.....	6 48	11 01
Nescopeck	ar	8 04	11 11	.....	6 58	11 11
		A. M.	A. M.		P. M.	
Nescopeck	lv	.....	‖11 11	.....	† 6 58	.....
Rock Glen	ar	† 6 52	‖11 37	.....	7 22	.....
Fern Glen	"	6 59	11 43	.....	7 27	.....
Tomhicken	"	7 10	11 54	.....	7 34	.....
			P. M.			
Hazleton	"	7 34	12 15	.....	7 56	.....
Pottsville	"	8 45	1 25	.....	9 05	.....
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Nescopeck	lv	† 8 04	‖11 11	† 1 08	† 6 58	‖11 11
Wapwallopen	ar	8 16	11 22	4 20	7 10	11 22
Mocanaqua	"	8 26	11 32	4 32	7 22	11 32
Nanticoke	"	8 46	11 54	4 52	7 44	11 54
			P. M.			P. M.
Plym'th Ferry	"	8 51	12 02	5 01	7 53	12 00
Wilkesbarre	"	9 00	12 10	5 10	8 00	12 12
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Pittston (D & H)	ar	† 9 38	†12 49	† 5 41	† 8 32	.....
Scranton " "		10 05	1 16	6 08	9 03	.....

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD.

BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

STATIONS.	EAST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 05	5.50
Cameron	6 40	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 53	2 12	10 26	6 13
Catawissa	7 10	2 26	10 39	6 28
Rupert	7 17	2 32	10 44	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 23	2 36	10 49	6 39
Espy	7 33	2 45	....	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 40	2 50	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 44	2 54	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 48	...	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 58	3 04	11 12	7 06
Beach Haven	8 04	3 10	11 18	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 10	3 17	...	7 19
Shickshinny	8 20	3 29	11 33	7 35
Hunlock's	8 30	3 39	...	7 47
Nanticoke	8 37	3 4[illegible]	11 49	7[illegible]54
Avondale	8 41	3 51	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 45	3 56	11 56	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 49	4 00	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 54	4 05	12 05	8 12
Bennett	8 58	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	9 00	4 11	...	8 19
Wyoming	9 05	4 17	12 16	8 25
West Pittston	9 10	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 14	4 25	12 25	8 33
Pittston	9 17	4 30	12 26	8 39
Duryea	9 20	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	12 40	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 48	9 07
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
STATIONS.	WEST.			
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
SCRANTON	6 00	9 55	1 30	6 07
Bellevue	6 05	....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 04	1 40	6 17
Lackawanna	6 18	10 11	1 48	6 24
Duryea	6 22	10 14	1 51	6 28
Pittston	6 28	10 18	1 56	6 32
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 21	2 00	6 35
West Pittston	6 35	10 24	2 03	6 38
Wyoming	6 40	10 29	2 08	6 43
Forty Fort	6 45	....	...	.....
Bennett	6 48	10 36	2 16	6 50
Kingston	6 54	10 39	2 22	6 5
Plymouth Junction	6 59	10 43	2 27	.....
Plymouth	7 04	10 47	2 32	7 03
Avondale	7 09	...	2 38	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	10 54	2 42	7 12
Hunlock's	7 20	11 00	2 50	7 20
Shickshinny	7 31	11 10	3 01	7 35
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 23	3 17	7 47
Beach Haven	7 49	11 32	3 25	7 53
Berwick	7 58	11 40	3 35	8 06
Briarcreek	8 06	.....	3 40	.....
Willow Grove	8 10	11 50	3 44	1.
Lime Ridge	8 14	11 56	3 50	8 1[illegible]
Espy	8 21	12 04	3 58	8 2[illegible]
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 12	4 05	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 18	4 12	8 36
Catawissa	8 40	12 23	4 18	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 37	4 33	8 58
Cauiasky	.....	.....	46	.....
Cameron	9 06	12 46	4 41	9 16
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 30	1 00	5 05	9 25
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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FOR FARMERS.

General Booth's scheme to colonize some of London's "submerged tenth" on farm lands was wise in purpose and is yet to be scientifically carried out. The recent movement in New York city to help the farmer is quite encouraging. A "committee for promoting agriculture for New York state" has been organized. On the committee are such men as A. S. Hewitt, R. F. Cutting, William E. Dodge, George T. Powell and Professor J. P. Roberts of Cornell.

An attempt will be made to interest and instruct farmers in more scientific methods of agriculture and to carry the blessings of the higher education into the country. The desire of the promoters is to bring about a closer and more active co-operation between the cities and towns and the country districts. There is no desire to go to the farmers in the spirit of missionaries, but as brothers and helpers. There will be no kid gloved theorists sent out, but plain, brainy, warm hearted, practical men. who understand and love their work. The farmer needs relief. Farming does not pay as it once did, yet the farmers are the largest and wealthiest laboring class in America. These "lords of the soil" should not be forced by circumstances to be servants, but should agricultural products continue to decline the average farmer will become only a renter. It is quite as essential that the farmer should know the chemistry of the soils and fertilizers as it is for the carpenter to know the strength and grain of wood. Let it be urged that live question clubs and night experimental schools be organized for full investigation and free discussion. This age demands training culture in all human affairs that are to succeed.

Compulsory Education.

The compulsory school law goes into effect next summer. The law was passed May 16, 1895, and approved by the Governor with an explanation. The different assessors, when making their Spring assessments for 1896 will be supplied with an extra book by the County Commissioners, in which they are to enter the name, age and residence of every child in their ward or township between the age of 8 and 13.

The County Commissioners will then furnish the school secretaries with the list of the names. The assessors will be allowed pay, but will not be allowed pay for more than ten days. After this, every child under 13 years of age will be compelled to go to school at least 16 weeks in a year, unless living two miles from a school, physically or mentally disabled, or receiving private instruction at home. Each school district will be allowed to appoint one or more attendance officers, whose duty it will be to apprehend all children playing truant.

They are to receive not more than $2 per day. A room is to be provided, in which habitual truants are to be placed. At the end of each month each teacher shall furnish the secretary of the board with a list of all pupils who have been absent five days or more without sufficient cause. A parent trying to evade the law, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $2 for the first offence, or more than $5 for the second.

Arbitration and Coast Defenses.

The first public expression upon the great international questions of the day may be expected to disclose an optimistic or pessimistic coloring according to the sources from which they proceed, for men are advocates from sentiments before they are judges from facts. The united endeavor to provide a high court of international arbitration for the peaceable adjustment of international differences is in accordance with our highest sentiments, and out of these contentions history will register the ascendency of humanity and justice, although the advance may be much below the prevailing ideals of this movement.

To secure peace pessimistic measures are also advocated. Congressmen find that the aggregate indebtedness of the nations of Europe is $23,000,000,000, incurred chiefly by war and preparations for war. Having little faith in the triumphs of reason, they believe and accept the doctrine, "In time of peace prepare for war," and propose an expenditure of $100,000,000 for coast defenses during the next ten years. The labor organizations of New York have protested against any expenditure of this kind, and the people generally concur in the same view. The Geneva arbitration (Alabama claims) and the Paris arbitration on the Bering Sea dispute are precedents that will determine the permanent policy between England and the United States. We believe in the people and propose to keep our coast defense for a better purpose. The words of W. E. Gladstone to a London conference to consider this subject will be read with interest in this connection:

"I am glad the discussion of arbitration is to be separated from the Venezuelan question, upon which I do not feel myself in possession of the facts that I should wish. My views on arbitration in place of war were gathered from the part I took in the matter of the Alabama claim. I will only add that my conviction and sentiment on the subject grew in strength from year to year in proportion to the growth of the monstrous and barbarous militarism, in regard to which I consider that England has to bear no small share of responsibility."

A member of the Lycoming county bar says that "we need a law authorizing Justices of the Peace, in case they find a criminal charge unwarranted, if it is a misdemeanor, to collect their own and the Constables costs from the prosecutor and in cases of felony, from the county. This would prevent the return of a great many cases to court that are probably made only because by so doing the Justice and Constable can get their costs."

Reading Wrinkles.

An Italian scientist, M. Montegazzo has written an essay on the science of wrinkles. He believes one's history can be largely told by the lines upon the face. Entering into a description of the different varieties and their meanings, he says: "Horizontal lines across the forehead are found even in children who are rickets or idiots. and that being out in the sun with the eyes unshaded will produce them immaturely, but they are natural at 40 or earlier. Vertical lines between the eyes denote thought and study. since deep concentration contracts the eyebrows; grief and worry produce the same effect, and, frequently repeated, either leaves a permanent fold in the skin. Arched wrinkles just about the nose indicate extreme suffering, either mental or physical. The earliest wrinkles of all and the most unavoidable are those which run down from either side of the nostril down to the mouth, and these are produced by smiling and even by the motion of the jaw in masticating—a warning to gum chewers."

Hood's

Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier and building up medicine leads everything ever produced. It is positively the best. Others may make the same claim. But there's this difference: *We prove it.* Not by antiquity, but by *Merit.* Not by what we say, but by what Hood's Sarsaparilla does. Hood's Sarsaparilla has a record of *Cures* unequalled in medical history. It positively, perfectly and permanently cures when all other medicines fail. That the keen discrimination of the people recognizes its merit and the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, is shown by the fact that they buy Hood's Sarsaparilla in preference to the exclusion of all others. Hood's Sarsaparilla has a larger sale than all other blood purifiers. It wins confidence everywhere because the statements in its advertising and testimonials are verified by all who take it. No other medicine has ever received such praise, or so many voluntary testimonials of wonderful cures. No other medicine possesses

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Hood's Pills the best family cathartic and liver stimulant. Easy to take, easy to operate. All druggists. 25 cents.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., March 18, 1896.

A stranger dropping into our store never fails to comment on the beauties of our Silks and Dress Goods Departments. It has often been remarked that it bears a striking resemblance to this, and that ultra fashionable New York or Philadelphia store. These comments, given gratuitiously, speak the sentiment of our own people. We might add. That for all around good qualities our store holds a place distinctively its own—the very highest point in the mercantile world. We have established a Dress Maker's Supply Bureau in conjunction with our Mail order Department. The object of this department is to keep dress makers in close touch with the newest of everything pertaining to their line of business. Please send us your name and address and from time to time samples will be sent you as the new goods are received by us. We hope to make this branch of our business of mutual benefit and solicit the hearty co-operation of all dress makers. We are sure you will soon recognize the advantages of drawing upon a store of such prominence for any information you may need in your business

Silks.

A beautiful quality of Black Faille Francaise Silks, usually sold at $1.00, is now offered at the yard 75c.

The latest for Evening Waists is Double Width Tinsel Gauze and Japanese Crepes, very stylish, our price is the yard 49c.

Fine Persian and Printed Warp Silks, so popular for Waists, is sold here at from 98c. to $5 00 per yard.

Colored Dress Goods.

Mohair and Wool Fancies, plain and figured Beige, Scottish Silk and Wool Plaids, Two Toned Beige and Sicilion are the new Spring novelties, your selection at 49c. the yard.

40 inch All Wool Dress Serge in all colors, very finest, at 35c.

All Wool Cheviot Homespun, Corded Mohair, Fancy Plaids and Fine Check Novelties are very popular at our popular price 25c.

Rich Dress Patterns of exclusive designs at $3.98 to $39.00.

Black Goods.

Black Figured Mohair, full dress width, the newest fabric for Spring wear, fully worth as others sell it 59c., our price 39c.

Our new line of Mohair and Wool novelties are now being offered at 59c., others charge 75c. for a like quality.

Our famous 61 inch Water Proof Cravenette, the most desirable and economical fabric for Spring wear, capes, etc, is the yard $1.19.

Separate Skirts.

No garment ever made can fully take the place of the Separate Skirts. Its usefulnees is apparent to all, worn with a stylish waist; they give the wearer an air of grace that cannot be procured by any other garment.

Separate Skirts, Figured Mohair, full width, full ripple, lined throughout and faced are sold at $1 98.

Black and Blue Serges, splendid quality, are $3 98.

Figured Brilliantine, lined and finished as above, $4 29

Serges lined throughout, Velveteen binding at bottom, $5 48

Damasse Silks. Sicilions, Crepes and the newest cloths range in price from $5.48 to $16.00.

All of the above are dress maker's finish and and are made on the most correct principles.

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
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It may be a little early to do your spring papering, but not too early to look over our large stock now ready for your inspection. In spite of the fact that the manufacturers charge us from 10 to 20 per cent. more than last year, we will sell at last year's low prices, and in some cases even lower.

Window curtains of all kinds. Room and picture moulding always in stock.

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BUT WE ARE REJOICINC
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D. A. McGEE,
East Street Baker.

Remember This!

That when you are looking for a place to purchase meats, that we have recently opened a new meat market in the Evans Building, corner of Main and Jefferson streets, where you will receive polite and prompt attention, and get the best quality of meats.

John H. Kleckner.

Spring Opening

Of Latest Style Millinery Goods on

Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20.

Mrs. M. A. Watson,

NEXT DOOR TO SALTZER'S MUSIC STORE.

. . The Easter Gown . .

Is the subject of almost every woman's thoughts. Whether it is to be silk or wool, we are best equipped to furnish the choicest material. Nowhere are the assortment of Dress Fabrics and other exquisite and seasonable goods so great, so beautiful, or so extremely moderate in price.

Tailored Suits for Little Prices.

A line of stylish cloth suits, is offered at prices that make it economy to buy one for every day use until real hot weather begins. The jacket will do to wear over shirt waists in the cool evenings, and the skirt in the early fall. You can all be *suited* at prices in reach of all.

$6.00 to $16.00.

Stylish Spring Suitings.

are to be found here in all the newest and most fashionable materials. Every year they seem to grow more handsome, and this year is no exception. Persian effects, Crepons, Checks, Plaids, Boucle, and others just as stylish and pretty as these. They are nearly all cut in dress patterns and are entirely new. Prices,

42c to $1.50 the yd.

We still have some of the all wool Henrietta, we offer, in all shades at

25c the yd.

Also those Serges, which we cannot buy now at the prices we offer them to you. They are not in the market, so do not delay.

50 in. wide and all wool, 50c the yd.

A Glimpse at the New Silks.

In all the years of our silk business we never saw such handsome, silken fabrics as now crowd our shelves and counters. Oriental patterns, in their wealth of bizarre colorings. Dainty warp-printed effects in subdued shadings. and——we might ramble on for an hour, but we won't, as we have not the time or space.

Spring Coats and Capes.

All the newest fads and fancies of fashion as they are to be found in the most stylish Spring Wraps are contained in those shown here. We are ready to show these handsome Coats and Capes to all comers. The more the merrier.

Bicycle Hose.

Of course you are going to ride a wheel this year. There are dozens of good makes, all have their advantages, but the hose we offer you have no superiors, we might say equal, and we do not think we would vary from the truth, for the wearing quality and satisfaction they will give.

20c the pair.

Counterpanes.

Another lot opened Monday. You no doubt remember the ones we had before, those extra large hemmed ones, something again only quality improved, but not one bit more for the counterpanes.

98c ea.

Lace Curtains.

Friday we offer you what we call odds and ends, you will say they are not, but there are some soiled ones among the lot, a few broken pieces, some complete, but what is that to you. They ranged in price from $1.00 to $4.25 the pair. We will make it interesting for you to call and see them. Remember Friday, March 20th.

In Our Grocery Dep't.

We are always on the lookout for something to please you in the eating line. We do not try to give you second-class goods, do not like to sell them, but something we can recommend as first class in every respect for the least possible money. Compare the *quality* of the goods, and see if you can buy any cheaper.

We offer for this week some rare bargains.

Colonial food, made from Australian white wheat, elegant breakfast cereal in 2 lb. packages at

9c the package.

Usual price 12c.

Asparagus tips, the very best of the vegetable, can't tell it from fresh, at

27½c the can,

Usual price 35c.

We still offer that canned corn, until it is gone at the same price,

5c the can.

Our crackers and biscuits are always the latest, freshest and nicest goods to be had. *Cheese wafers*, something entirely new. We can highly recommend them, put up in 1 lb. cartoons,

18c lb.

Holmes & Coutes' Social Tea Biscuit, in 1 lb. cartoon,

25c the lb.

Labanies' Violet Wafers, something nice and dainty in 1 lb. tin cartoons at

25c the lb.

McLaren's Imperial cheese in porcelain jars,

35c jar,

Usual price 45c.

Club House cheese, in glass jars,

40c jar.

Meadow Sweet cheese put up in ½ lb. packages, wrapped in tin foil.

12½c pack.

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That's the question. It is not the man who is scouring the country around to find some old toothless cows that have done good service for their owners, but being a little aged now, they find it is cheaper to sell them than to have them die upon their hands. The beef you know must be tough. It can be bought low, but what you save then you will need to pay dentist bills later on. We buy nothing but

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BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

George Sloan spent Sunday at York with his brother.

Mrs. A. A. Clark of Harrisburg, is visiting relatives here.

Robert Oman of Orange was among our callers on Wednesday.

Mrs. I. L. Rabb and son went to Philadelphia Saturday morning.

Ex-commissioner Jesse Rittenhouse spent Tuesday in Bloomsburg.

W. K. Armstrong was called to Danville on Tuesday on business.

E. B. Hartman of Buck Horn transacted business in town on Tuesday.

C. B. Chrisman was called to Wilkes-Barre on business last Monday.

Wm. Rabb, of Philadelphia is attending to business matters in this place.

Carl Nelson, formerly employed at the creamery left for Chicago on Monday.

Lewis Gross will go to New York next Monday to purchase a large lot of spring goods.

Jonathan Beaver, of Locust township, transacted business at the county seat on Tuesday.

Philip Hileman, of Jackson township transacted business at the county seat on Tuesday.

Miss Anna Creveling, and Miss Sue Poster left on Monday for a visit to friends in Brooklyn, N. Y.

George Stineman and family will remove to Philadelphia where he and his wife have secured situations.

C. C. Kesty, of Hess Iron Manufacturing Company, had one of his eyes injured last week by a steel striking it.

Miss Grace Moore and Miss Mary Sponenberg, two of Berwick's popular young ladies, were visiting friends in Bloomsburg over Sunday.

W. A. Fasshoner, of Sunbury, Superintendent of the Metropolitan life insurance company for this district transacted business at this place on Wednesday.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury of Catawissa, was in town on Wednesday. He says the mention of his name as a candidate for county commissioner is entirely unauthorized.

Rev. B. C. Conner, J. C. Brown, F. B. Hartman, S. C. Creasy, W. R. Kocher and L. T. Sharpless are attending the M. E. Conference at Williamsport this week.

The work of tearing down the Methodist Church was begun on Wednesday. The steeple is being taken down first.

Governor Hastings fixed Thursday, May 14 as the date for the execution of Abram I. Eckard, a Luzerne county murderer.

The common council of Williamsport has killed the ordinance which provided measures of protection for that city against future floods.

The Williamsport *Times* has increased its size from a four page to an eight page journal. This is an evidence of progress on the part of our exchange that will heartily be applauded by its many readers.

The home which Jacob Rhoades has erected at Port Noble will soon be ready for occupancy. Wayne and Penman are now engaged painting it, and will have it completed in a few days.

The latest acquisition to the Bloomsburg Car Company's Store is a white pup. The utility of the canine has not yet been discovered by any one, but Alex., Boyd and Charlie swear allegiance to "Topsy."

Last Friday the executive committee of the Columbia County Sunday School Association, met in Catawissa to fix the time and arrange for the annual convention, to be held this year in Catawissa.

W. F. Stohner has purchased the Farmer's Hotel on Iron street, and will take possession April 1st.

The collector for this office is on his rounds, and will call upon all persons in town who have open accounts on our books.

The new store room of J. R. Schuyler & Co. at the corner of Iron and Main Streets presents a fine appearance. The goods are conveniently and artistically arranged.

The Bloomsburg Beef Company, in addition to giving employment to quite a number of people, handles sixty-six head of steers besides a large lot of smoked and canned goods, lard, &c.

The following letters are advertised March 17, 1896. Mrs. Sarah Hess, Mr. C. Mead, E. Pitts. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 31, 1896.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

John N. Gordon, candidate for county commissioner, is doing a little work among the people, and is making a very favorable impression. He is a farmer, and an honest, capable man. He has no axe to grind, and will serve the people faithfully if elected.

The Mountain Grove Camp Meeting Association contemplate making large improvements during the coming Spring. A spacious amphitheatre and a large number of cottages will be erected, and the grounds put in elegant shape. Under the present board of management it is one of the best associations in the state.

The stoneware pottery of A. L. Hyssong will soon be entirely remodeled and enlarged. It is his intention to build a new kiln burning a capacity of 3000 gallons. The present one only holds 900 gallons. It will be of the latest improved pattern, and coal will be used as fuel. His business has nearly doubled itself in the past few years.

Dr. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has indicated in a circular letter the kind of blank book to be supplied by the County Commissioner to the several Assessors for the taking of the school census. He suggests that the book should be ruled with the following columns: (1) Name of the child, (2) residence or sub-school district, (3) age, (4) sex, (5) color, (6) the number of weeks at school during this year, (7) cause of non attendance in case of prolonged absence, (8) name of parents, guardian or other person having charge of the child, (9) a column of remarks, in which may be entered the occupation of the child when out of school, or any other helpful information. The census will be used in the attempt to enforce the Compulsory Education law.—*Ex.*

"OUTCASTS OF A GREAT CITY."

Among the snccessful productions this season is the "Outcasts of a Great City," with the versatile comedian, Dan'l A. Kelly, in the title role. It is a sensational melo-drama by Chas. Fleming. It has already stood the test of three weeks production in New York City, where it was not only well received by the public, but in addition was credited by the press with having made a distinct success. The play, while of the sensational order, is said to have a well defined and decidedly interesting plot, which is well told. As indicated by its title, there is introduced a Brooklyn Bridge scene, showing the home of the outcasts under the docks. Mr. Kelly is supported by Miss Helen Desmond and a capable company. "Outcasts of a Great City" will be presented at the Opera House on Tuesday March 24.

Leases, with judgment and ejectment clause, for sale at this office in small or large quantities.

Democratic Standing Committee Call.

The Democratic Standing Committee of the County of Columbia will meet in the Court House in Room No. 2 in the Town of Bloomsburg on Saturday March 28, 1896 at 1:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Secretary and five persons as delegates to the State Convention, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the committee.

C. A. SMALL, Sec'y. WM. CHRISMAN, Chairman.

A YEAR'S WORK.

The Sunday School board of the Methodist Church held its last meeting in the lecture room of the church on Tuesday evening of last week. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent S. C. Creasy, with the following teachers and officers in attendance. Mrs. L. N. Moyer, F. B. Hartman, W. R. Kocher, S. D. Neyhard, W. C. Reichart, J. C. Brown, L. T. Sharpless, Dr. J. J. Brown. Miss Alice Edgar, Elizabeth Knorr, Stewart Reynolds, Mrs. M. J. Campbell, Mrs. G. E. Wilbur, Prof. G. E. Wilbur, Mrs. Sue Brugler, Mrs. J. W. Eyer, Miss Fannie Peacock, Mrs. K. C. Ent, Miss Louisa Robbins, Mrs. C. K. Taylor, G. E. Enterline, Mrs. L. R. Bomboy, Miss Mabel Hawkey and George W. Hess. Prof Wilbur as chairman of the standing committee presented a new constitution and bylaws for the Sun-School which was adopted, L. T. Sharpless as chairman of the special committee reported progress. The annual report of the officers and teachers was next taken up, and fourteen presented their written reports.

The Treasurer reported that he had received by class collection during the year	$505 86	
From other sources	201 71	
Total receipts		$707 07
He claimed credit as follows:		
By amt. paid Missionary cause	$252 64	
By amt. paid expenses of Sunday School	371 16	
		$623 80
Balance in hands of treasurer		$83 27
W. Clark Richart Missionary Treasurer reported that the amount he received during the year of 1895 was		$252 64
This is an excess of $19,80 over the amount paid by the Sunday School in 1894.		
Report of Secretary S. D. Neyhard as follows:		
Amt. of orders issued during the year 1895 ending Feb. 29th 1896.		$629 05
Orders for Missionary money	$252 64	
S. C. Swallow & Smyser for Sunday School supplies	172 19	
G. W. Correll Treasurer on church subscriptions	95 00	
G. W. Correll Treasurer penny collection from childrens day fund	15 57	
Miscellaneous expenses	93 65	
		$629 05
No. of scholars on the Roll	615	
" " officers " " "	16	
" " teachers " " "	44	
Total membership to Feb. 29, '96		675

Armenia and Christianity.

Armenians bear the distinction of being one of the first races to accept Christianity, their king Dertad receiving baptism in 276 A. D., which was thirty-seven before the Roman Emperor Constantine dared even to issue the Edict of Toleration; and theirs, too, is the distinction among the nations of having suffered most for Christianity. With every century their martyr roll has grown, until in this enlightened age the thousands upon thousands of victims have marked the climax. Through the centuries of their trial the Church has been their rallying point; even the most ignorant have been deeply impressed with the life of Christ, and in their troubles his example has been their strength.

It is said that the preaching of Gregory, a Parthian noble who was afterward canonized and who has been called the "Illuminator," was the cause of the acceptance of Christianity in Armenia. He baptised the king and queen, and the people on the Euphrates; he consecrated four hundred bishops and an immense number of priests and deacons. The idol temples were destroyed, and churches and convents erected on their sites.

The worship in the Armenian Church is Episcopalian in its form, and neither the Pope at Rome nor the Greek Patriarch at Constantinople has any authority over it. There are two patriarchal sees: one in Constantinople and one in Jerusalem. The Armenian Church discards the doctrine of purgatory and holds to baptismal regeneration. The priests marry, but after the death of their wives are forbidden to remarry. Matrimony is prohibited to the bishops and all ecclesiastics above the grade of priest.—*From "Unfortunate Armenia," in Demorest's Magazine for March.*

A GOOD CONCERT.

Notwithstanding the storm of Monday night, a fair audience gathered at the Normal Auditorium to attend the musicale given by the music department. The program was printed in maroon on orange paper, and the numbers consisted of selections from the works of living American born composers. Each number was well rendered, and the entire program reflected great credit upon the performers, and upon their instructors, Misses Haas and Stump, under whose direction the music department of the Normal has taken wonderful strides.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Which Should be Carefully Read by Every One.—Extraordinary Inducements Offered.

Harry Wilson still continues to be head quarters for all kinds of smokers articles.

New goods in the latest styles of spring millinery just opened at E. Barkley's, Main Street below Market.

Fish! Fish! Halibut steak, black bass, ciscoes and all kinds of lake fish received every week by W. S. Fleckenstine.

You are respectfully requested to call at the millinery store of Mrs. N. J. Splain and inspect her large stock of trimmed hats and bonnets.

Security is the name of an excellent wearing, man's shoe. You can get it either in pointed, globe or opera toe for $1.50 at Max Gross'.

Special sale on fruit tablets for 3 days at 14c lb. at Deitrick's.

All rubber and winter goods will be sold at cost by J. A. Hess.

Fresh shad received every week by W. S. Fleckenstine. Cleaned and delivered.

Women's genuine dongola shoe, solid all through. Either in pointed toe or common sense last, for $1.25 at Max Gross'.

Mrs. N. J. Splain will have no regular opening at her millinery store this spring, but she has recently purchased a large line of fine millinery goods which will be sold at prices which defy competition.

Before purchasing your wall paper this season, it would be wise to consult W. H. Slate, as he has some special designs at special prices.

White sewing machines, king of all sewing machines at Saltzers'.

All kinds of fruits and vegetables at Deitrick's

Fruit of all kinds at the Exchange Bakery.

It is almost moving time, and with it comes papering. Of course you want the best, and at the lowest possible price, J. H. Mercer will sell you paper at five cents per roll, some remnants at four cents, perhaps there is enough in these to paper the rooms. Come and see it. If you want to pay more money for it, he can suit you, as he has it at all prices. Satisfaction is guaranteed, estimates given, and paper hung by first class mechanics.

Will you purchase a bicycle this season? If so, don't buy until you see the Remington at Mercer's.

Best sewing machines, needles and oil for all makes of sewing machines at Saltzers'.

W. H. Slate still continues to be headquarters for picture frames. Call and get prices.

All rubber and winter goods will be sold at cost by J. A. Hess.

Oysters by the dozen or hundred, quart or gallon at C. B. Chrisman's.

A fine line of Easter goods just received at the Exchange Bakery.

Big bargains in pianos and organs at Saltzers' this month.

Chrisman's select oysters at 40c. a quart are the finest in the town. He makes a specialty of furnishing families.

Don't forget the special sale at Deitrick's on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

If you are a pipe smoker, you can find just what you are looking for at Harry Wilson's Market Square segar store. The best brands of tobacco and the sweetest pipes.

New sheet music at Saltzers'.

Don't buy a bicyele until you see the Remington. For sale by J. H. Mercer.

A nice place to take your lady friend for oysters is C. B. Chrisman's on Main Street. They are quickly prepared, and served in a neat and attractive manner.

Special sale of pianos, organs, &c., till 1st of April to make room for new goods at J. Saltzers'.

The coming, and up to date wheel this season, is the Remington. For ladie's, gents, and youths. Call and see them at Mercer's.

Don't forget to get a box of our 25c chocolates for Sunday. I. G. Deitrick's.

A FORTUNE

is within reach of young people who go to Wood's Business College, Scranton. Our terms are lower than at some colleges having fewer students, but our faculty is much larger and our course of study more varied and thorough. The new president for seventeen years taught, lectured on law and civics, and has written business college text books now in use all over America. He has educated scores of business college teachers, and 10,000 young people for business. He was sent to France as United States Consul for four years, and now teaches and lectures days and evenings at Scranton. The college has now 665 students and last year located 234 of its students in good paying situations. In thorough work and in aid to students, it is the leading business college of Pennsylvania. Send for illustrated Journal.

O. F. Williams, President.

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THE EASTER GOWN

Is the subject of most every woman's thought. Whether it is to be of silk or wool, we are equipped to furnish the choicest materials. Our assortment of Dress Fabrics, and other exquisite and seasonable goods are beautiful and extremely moderate in price.

DRESS FABRICS.

40 in. Mohair and wool mixtures in all the leading combinations at 49c.
44 in. Mohair figures in black only at 50c.
50 in. Larilla, Mohair figures at 70c.
50 in. all wool Cheviotines, fine for tailor-made suits, at 75c.
50 in. all wool clay serge, new twill effect, at 50c.
42 in. all wool figures, black only, at 65c.
36 in. basket weave all wool suitings, 50c.
40 in. extra fine Mohair, Thornton's goods, big value at 55c.
40 in. colored Mohairs, Jacquard figures, colors, at 59c.
50 in. broadcloths in choice colors and black, at 85c.

CHILDRENS' REEFERS.

We are showing a full line of children's new Spring Style Reefers in the leading colors. Also a complete line of Baby Cloaks, both long and short.

LACE CURTAINS.

Here's a few good values named, but come and see the goods:
Big wide curtains, 3½ yds. long, at $1.00.
Extra fine curtains 3½ yds. long at $1.00.
Wide curtains 3 yds. long at 75c.
See the beauty at $1.50.
A full line of better grades. Also a new line of chenille and damask curtains.

TAILOR-MADE DRESS SKIRTS.

Full lines of these goods are now shown in the cloak room, both in black and colors, all lined through. They come in Mohairs, Serges, Cheviots Cloths, &c.; our lowest is $1.89, our best $10.00, and all grades between. We are also showing full line of shirt waists.

WARP-PRINTED SILKS.

We now have a fine and handsome line of these most stylish silks. They are the season's latest. Handsome for waists. Silks were never handsomer. See them.

KID GLOVES.

We place on sale a full line of new kid gloves for the Easter wear in black and colors. All the newest colors and fancy backs in black and colors. Try the one dollar kid glove in either button or hooks.

TABLE LINENS.

We are showing an extra good assortment of bleached and unbleached table linens by the yard and in cloths, with a full line of napkins and towels.
Cream damasks, at 25c., 35c.
Cream damask at 40c., 45c.
Cream damask special, 50c.
Bleached damask, 75c., 90c., $1.00.
Bleached damask, $1.25, $1.45.
Napkins, all prices.
Big huck towels, 17c. piece.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

We make a starting point on spring goods, soon the sun will shine on us all, and then how warm.

If you wish to see our first installment of **Shirt Waists**, they are here in several different styles and prices. If you are interested in a ready-made skirt, then ours is the place to see a nice and good line from $1.45 to $6.50. The Spring Percales and Crepons are as handsome as can be made. A look at our wool and half-wool dress goods, in patterns and by the yard, will convince you that we have been in the market lately. The Cinderella cloth or cotton Eiderdown is here in several colors at 12½c yd. We are taking pains to satisfy and please every customer in every particular. We don't preach a cheap class of goods, have never done it, neither do we expect to lower the standard of quality. We have the best line of Tickings, Ginghams, Muslins, Shirtings, &c., that we have shown for years.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

A solid silver watch with fine movement, fob and charm will be given away the Saturday evening before Easter. Every dollar purchased receives a chance on same.

In addition to the watch chances, beautiful little sail boats, miniature "Defenders," will be given away with all children's knee pant suits.

YOU

Will in all probability buy a new wheel this spring. Do you know that you

CAN

See the finest line of wheels in the county at HESS BROS.' BICYCLE AGENCY, in connection with their Jewelry Store. If you buy a wheel why not

RIDE

the best? We can give you your choice of the following wheels: SYRACUSE, LIBERTY, WORLD, AMERICA, HUNTER, MAJESTIC, GALES' MANHATTAN and several cheaper wheels. Why not buy a wheel that is known to be

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winner. At Coronado on March 2, 1896, there were 18 world's records and 21 coast records broken on a Syracuse Crimson Rim

BICYCLE.

Johnny Johnson rides a World. Baby Bliss, who weighs 502 lbs., rides the America. Call and see the wheels at **HESS BROS.** before you place your order.

Stop that Tickling

in your throat. We have secured a lot of those elegant

FRUIT TABLETS,

in four flavors. They are the regular 25c. goods, but here they are at **14c. lb.** for three days—Friday, Saturday and Monday.

I. G. DEITRICK,

Market Square

Some Of....

the best of us make mistakes, but you will make no mistake by buying, bread, cakes and confectionery at the

EXCHANGE BAKERY.

L. F. BEISHLINE, Prop., Telephone Connection. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

22 CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, $100.
Stearns, $100
Envoy, $75.
Stormer, $50.

The above line of strictly high grade bicycles I have selected for my line for this year after visiting the New York Cycle Show and inspecting all the different makes. They are the cream of the lot. Space is too limited to describe them, but they can be seen at my store or I will cheerfully mail catalogues to any intending purchasers.

OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE. **W. S. Rishton.**

BIDE A WEE, AND DINNA FRET.

(A little Scotch girl on being asked the definition of "patience," gave her answer in the words, "Bide a wee, and dinna fret," which incident doubtless suggested to the author these lines:)

Is the road very dreary?
Patience yet!
Rest will be sweeter if thou art aweary,
And after night cometh the morning cheery,
Then bide a wee, and dinna fret.

The clouds have silver lining,
Don't forget;
And though he's hidden, still the sun is shining!
Courage! instead of tears and vain repining,
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.

With toil and cares unending
Are beset?
Bethinks thee, how the storm from heaven descending
Snap the stiff oak, but spare the willow bending,
And bide a wee and dinna fret.

Grief sharper sting doth borrow
From regret;
But yesterday is gone, and shall its sorrow
Unfit us for the present and the morrow?
Nay; bide a wee, and dinna fret.

An over-anxious brooding
Doth beget
A host of fears and fatasies deluding;
Then, brother, let these torments be intruding,
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.

WOMAN INCONSTANT.

Half a dozen men, some decanters, ice, Apollonaris and soda waters, a general atmosphere of tobacco and good fellowship, and you have the Single Man Club. Not an ordinary club by any means, the members cannot be counted in thousands, hundreds or even tens, for there are only six. No lordly marble-fronted premises raises its proud front in Piccadilly or Pall Mall, but the Single Men have six distinct meeting places in London alone—the residences of the six members; and luxurious as these are there is nothing more lordly about them than befits the chambers of a private gentleman. A deer forest in Scotland, salmon fishing in Norway and the sister isle are adjuncts of the club. A steam yacht at Cowes and a racing cutter are also distinguishing features, as is the coach that Dicky Redgate tools down Park lane and out into the country whenever race meetings are held in the vicinity of town. Their house-boat at Henley and their tent at Canterbury are not placarded, like those of other clubs, with their name. The faces of the six best known men about town are likelier than all the notices in the world to attract the attention of their crowds of friends at the aquatic and cricket festivals.

The meeting on the night in question was at Charles Quendle's rooms, and the club had been arranging the house parties for the autumn shoot at Driequaritch Castle.

"What a blessed thing it is that one is a bachelor!" said some one.

Some one else laughed and replied:

"I bet there was a time when you thought otherwise."

To which the other man retorted:

"The wise of to-day are the fools of yesterday."

No one had the energy to ask him to explain himself, so he gave the explanation without being asked, in the shape of a story.

It was, of course, a tale of an inexperienced boy who happened to fall in love with an experienced girl. Gerald Larondie was the boy and Belle Printemps the girl; they were about to be married, and the day before the wedding the boy gave the girl a handsome set of diamonds costing about £15,000. Oh! the joy of that girl. Oh! those full red lips. Oh! those passionate kisses.

And what did the girl give the boy? A priceless gift—his freedom. Yes, on the eve of the wedding she ran off with the boy's valet and actually married him. For a little time the boy was desolate, and then he realized her generosity, and to-day he repays her kindness by never calling her Mrs. Lesurge when she is Mme. Duplice or Mme. Norde when she is the Baroness Trecamps.

"The wise of to-day are the fools of yesterday."

"What a piece of luck!" said a dark man and the others puffed silently with the puff of attention.

"When three healthy men were between me and my title I fell in love," said he. "She was a girl in a thousand; young, beautiful, an American traveling in England"——

"And therefore wealthy," added a fair man.

"The spoiled child of fortune," acquiesced the dark man. "We met by chance at a ball held in Oxford during the Summer festivities, discovered that dancing together was the perfection of motion and sat out as many dances as we dared. I told her that I adored her, she lied to me so delightfully that I was in the seventh heaven of delight. We met clandestinely, and while I poured my love she kissed me with those lying but beautiful lips. Ah! well, a remorseless chaperone took her up to town, and as I was the only bowler in the University eleven that year—a wretched year for Oxford cricket—I was perforce obliged to stay up until the 'Varsity match early in July brought me to Lord's. We had sworn to be true—the old—old swear—and of course I expected a warm welcome—I got it. The meeting was at my—at a near relative's house. My father presented me to my stepmother—to the woman who had given me her promise to be my wife.

"'And this is your son, dear Sir George? I allow most folk would take him for your brother,' she said. And then she added as she calmly kissed me on the cheek, 'It will make them hum when I send his photograph away home—do tell me, Sir George, do I look about forty-nine?'"

The dark man helped himself from a cut-glass decanter, and the five others, wondering how to break the silence, thought that they now knew why there was such a coolness between the dark man and his Countess stepmother.

An awkward pause then followed, and to make matters worse two men simultaneously asked what time it was. Dreadful. Fortunately a small fat man came to their relief. The fat man looked flabby and good for nothing; indeed one would imagine from his appearance that he did nothing but eat and sleep. Appearances are notoriously deceptive, and they were never more so than in the case of the fat man. His name is Jermyn, and he is famous for having been nearer the North Pole than any other explorer who has attempted to reach it. If his crew had not mutinied and overpowered him I have no doubt but that mysterious polar region would have been conquered ere this.

"I always laugh when I think over my experience with the gentler sex. Somehow I have not the figure to cut much of a dash with them," and he cheerfully patted himself on his most prominent feature. "And yet I acted quite like a hero on one occasion. Imagine me in the part!"

He laughed heartily.

"Was going to meet my mother at King's-cross," he continued, "and was up and down the platform (the train wasn't late, the Great Northerns never are; I was early) when I noticed a lovely girl waiting for the rattler. I was so intent on watching the girl that I did not notice the approaching train, and the girl was so intent on watching the approaching train that she did not notice a porter with a truck coming up behind her, so when the man shouted 'By your leave,' close to her ear, she was naturally so startled that she jumped on one side without looking where she was going. Unfortunately she was standing on the edge of the platform, so when she jumped she went head first over. Remember, boys, she was wearing open-work black stockings and other white garments appertaining to the old—in contradistinction to the new—woman— I naturally fell in love with her at first sight. Well—ha! ha! I of course went after her—didn't see the train or probably shouldn't have been such a fool"——

His listeners grunted incredulously. They knew their man.

"Seized the girl by something—I remember arranging her costume a bit as the engine swept by—and jerked her out off the lines about half a second before the beastly train passed over the place where she was lying. Well, my mother took a fancy to her, and took her up generally, and as she was a governess out of work she was naturally glad enough to go and stay at Ovelmere for a month or two, while the matter recommended her to all her friends, little thinking that her son wished to present her with a daughter-in-law in the shape of that governess. I never got so far as the proposal, as I wasn't quite sure that it was altogether fair, for of course, I knew that she might think herself indebted to me because of the Kings-cross incident, and also because I was well off and she was penniless. Of course at that age I was the kind of idiot who isn't satisfied unless he is loved for himself alone, and I wasn't certain that I was. However, I pretty soon was certain, for one day I took her a drive in a high dog-cart, and just when we had got to a precipice overhanging the lake the wretched horse shied, and we were thrown clean out of the conveyance into a bush below, and when we came to our senses we found ourselves hanging to the same wretched bough with the miserable lake beneath us and neither of us able to swim a little bit.

"It was a sweet predicament.

"Well, I was just going to say something valedictory to the lady and let go (for I knew the sickening branch wouldn't long support the pair of us), when it gave an ominous crack and the dear girl leaning towards me—but she was partially supported by a stone ledge—said, 'Don't you hear it? Let go or it will break and I shall be drowned.'

"I was so taken aback by my divinity being so selfish that I quite forgot myself and murmured, 'I cannot swim.' At which she gave a stab with a pair of scissors she had taken out of her chatelaine—here is the mark still on the back of my hand—and screamed, 'Then drown.'

"I naturally let go, struck the water and very shortly afterwards the bottom of the lake—violently. I don't know how it was that I never thought of the lake being shallow at that place, but one doesn't do much thinking at such a time. I waded ashore and rescued the lady—but my love was killed most effectually. Then I went to Africa and abjured the weaker sex."

The wise of to-day are the fools of yesterday.

A restless man who had been rolling the balls on the deserted billiard table in the darker part of the room, came forward and subsided into a perfect dream of a chair and without any preface started talking.

"I have been back in England about six years," he began, "and during that time have been a most devoted bachelor, as you fellows know, but there was a time when I, like you others, was the devoted slave of a woman, but, unlike your divinities, mine did not turn out to be very common clay after all—indeed, I am as fully resolved to-day not to marry any woman but her as I was on the day I became betrothed to her.

"Six years ago I was a prosperous merchant in South America, which was a peculiar position for the younger son of a noble English house. I had been out some four or five years, having found that England was not a suitable climate for the younger son of a peer—a man cut off from the ordinary occupations of a penniless young man by the position of his father and without the wherewithal to live decently at his leisure.

"My name and savoir faire were undoubtedly of great advantage to me in the South American republic that I elected to reside in, and my diligence—for I was most anxious to get back to the old country—was rewarded, so that at the end of four years I found myself a junior partner in one of the richest firms in the Western Hemisphere.

"Now, the senior partner had an only daughter, a lovely girl of about eighteen, and I soon found that without that girl life was not worth living, so I took steps to secure her for my wife. There was nothing romantic about our engagement. I obtained her father's consent before asking her to marry me in the strictly orthodox way, and having done so obtained the daughter's.

"We were devoted to each other, and I was the most envied man in the Republic, for the fashionable young men of the capital had been most persistent in their endeavors to gain the prize which my good fortune had secured to me.

"Of all her suitors the most persevering was the youngest son of the President, a naval officer, who had recently been promoted to the command of a torpedo boat; I will give him credit so far that I believe he really was devotedly in love with the girl, unlike many others, who were in love with her fortune.

"Well, about a fortnight before we were to be married, a fearful blow nearly sent me out of my mind—my future wife died suddenly.

"Now, I had just given her a wedding gift of a set of valuable jewelry, and nothing would satisfy me but that they should be buried with her. This was done and a few days later, when some one—her father, I think—went to the vault it was discovered that the coffin had been tampered with, and examination elicited the fact that the body and jewelry had been removed. You can imagine how this sacrilege affected me; her father and myself offered enormous rewards for information, but no clue was discovered except that some one had seen a party of sailors carrying something from the direction of the cemetery to the sea, which turned our suspicions towards the President's son, but as the latter's ship was discovered a total wreck, and as none of her crew save one was ever heard of again, the information did not aid us in our quest.

"The man who came back was a lunatic, and as such was confined in an asylum by the President's orders, but there was something in his narrative that gave me some hope. His story was to the effect that he, two other sailors and their officer—the President's son—stole the body of my partner's daughter and carried her on board their vessel.

"That they had not been out to sea long when the lady came out of the trance or deep sleep into which she had been thrown by some powerful drug secretly administered. Then he told a long story which sounds very improbable, but which may still be true. It was that having got on board as much coal as they could carry, the chief officer made a proposal, which as it would make the men—all foreigners used to bribes — independent for life, was promptly accepted by them.

"All on board with the exception of the girl, swore allegiance and eternal silence to their chief, and then the boat went cruising in the track of the mail steamers.

"It hardly seems possible, but the man asserted that a certain vessel coming in sight, the chief signalled to her (on some pretext) to stop, and that he went on board with one man, leaving the rest of his crew on the torpedo-boat with full steam up. That he threatened the captain of the mail steamer with instant extermination by his engines of war if the latter did not hand over the contents of his strong room, and he told him that he had left word that if he did not return within a certain time a torpedo was to be discharged at the ill-fated vessel. As I said before the President had the man confined as a lunatic, but, all the same, that steamer, when it was discovered wrecked on the Spanish coast, had not a single diamond in the strong room, and when she sat out she had a record cargo, but that part of the story has never been verified.

"Some months ago, when traveling in Dalmatia, I met a huge funeral equipage. It was the son of the late President of that South American republic that was being buried, and the chief mourner—save the mark!—was the poor woman he had kept prisoner in that out-of-the-way corner of Europe, his wife—the girl I was to have married.

"Part of the sailor's story is true, but about the piracy she cannot say, as she was drugged at the time. Her husband left her enormously wealthy, and no one knows how he accumulated the money. And now I have only one more thing to say, that I must tender my resignation to this club, as I am about to be married."

"The wise of to-day are the fools of to-morrow," murmured some one under his breath.

A servant brought in a telegram. The restless man tore it open, read and let the tissue paper flutter to the ground.

"I withdraw my resignation," he said.

No one asked the reason why, but some one poked the fire.—Illustrated Bits.

Selling a Mine.

"It is the easiest thing on earth to sell a mine in London for almost any price, provided you have anything to show an expert," said Maj. Frank McLaughlin. "There is also a right way and a wrong way to go about it. Some time ago I went to London to negotiate the sale of some mining property. Of course, the first thing I had to do was to let capital know what I was there for. Then, when inquiries cammenced, I simply said: "Gentlemen, I have mining property to sell. If you mean buisness and want to buy send your expert out to examine the property and make a report on it.

"A company was organized. The expert examined the property and reported favorably, and a meeting was held to discuss terms.

"'Now, major,' said the spokesman, 'we have found that the property may be worth something. What is your price?'

"'Two hundred and fifty thousand,' said I.

"'That is more than we expected to pay. We expected to pay about 200,000. There is not much difference between 200,000 and 250,000. If you will drop the 50,000 we will take it.

"I expected to get about $100,000 for the property, so with a show of reluctancy I agreed to accept their offer. When the papers were made out I was surprised to learn that they had been talking about pounds and I about dollars, but I was very careful not to let my surprise leak, and that is the way I got $1,000,000 for the mine. Great people to do business with."—San Francisco Post.

Absent-Mindedness.

The best instance I know is that of an amiable Irish Judge, now no longer on the bench. Among other amusing tales told of him, it is said that on the occasion of a "bar dinner" he went up stairs to dress, but did not reappear. The company sat patiently for some time, till at length, just as their hunger was getting the better of their manners, and an emissary was being dispatched to hunt up the missing Judge, his lordship appeared, and explained, with many apologies, that, imagining he was retiring for the night, he had undressed and got into bed. After an hour's snooze it suddenly struck him that he had not yet dined, on which he hurried down to his guests.—London Spectator.

Of Interest to Farmers.

A special from State College to the Philadeldhia *Times* says: The question of spontaneous combustion has long been a mooted one so far as its relation to hay or fodder in a stack or mow is concerned. George C. Watson, professor of agriculture at the college, in a bulletin soon to be issued from the experiment station, presents an irrefutable argument in substantiation of the theory in a recent happening at one of the college barns. Sparks of fire were seen dropping from the ceiling of the cow stable, underneath the east wing of the college barn. Investigation soon proved that the fire was confined to a mow of hay. To prevent the mass of hay bursting into flames, every hole was stapped up which might by any possibility admit any draft and the hay was covered with wet blankets, on which water was constantly thrown. Then, to save the barn, a hole was knocked in the side and the entire mow of hay was thrown out, some thirty tons in all.

An examination of the pile of hay showed that the entire mass was so thoroughly charred that it would crumble when handled and the whole of it was rendered unfit for stock food. While positive proof of the origin of the fire may be lacking, the circumstances are such that it seems safe to consider it of spontaneous origin. There was no fire near the barn, nor was there any way by which an incendiary could get in his work. For several days previous to the fire a peculiar odor was noticeable in the vicinity of the barn, which was compared by many to that emitted by burning grain. The bulletin prescribes as the best way to act under such circumstances, to save the building, is to keep the hay as wet as possible and remove the same from the building in the quickest possible time, taking the utmost precaution to at all times exclude all draft or air currents.

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Luxury in a Prison Cell.

William A. Sponsler, of New Bloomfield, late president of the wrecked Perry county bank of Sponsler & Junkin, for a number of years the leading member of the local bar, and the local Republican competitor of Judge Lyons in the recent judicial contest, has spent his first week in prison. His relatives have fixed up his cell comfortably. He has his books and a writing table, and, in anticipation of a long imprisonment, it is the intention to have his cell papered.

When the Perry County Bank closed its doors it owed depositors $120,000. All his property has been sold and less than $10,000 was realized.

If strength is what you want, you should study what causes your weakness.

It is practically lack of food.

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Postmaster General Wilson, at the time of the last bond call, sent circular letters to the postoffices of the first and second classes, asking the postmasters to state, where it was practicable, how much gold on an average appeared in the postal receipts for a month. The reports of a few of the Pennsylvania postoffices are as follows: Philadelphia, $5,500 in gold a month; Pittsburg, $2,250; Allegheny, $650; Altoona, $150; Bradford, $100; Warren, $40; Oil City, $125; Corry, $5; Erie, $270; Franklin, $300.

A Mighty Hunter.

George Smith, who resides in the wilds of Elk county, has, during the past sixty years, killed in the wilderness of that and Jefferson counties 14 panthers, 500 bears, 30 elk, 3,000 deer, 500 catamounts, 500 wolves and 600 wild cats. He has killed seven deer in a day and as many as five bears in a day.

An exchange remarks that you can't keep women away from weddings. You don't want to. What would a wedding amount to if there was no women there?

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1895 SHOWS —AN INCREASE IN GROSS ASSETS,
AN INCREASE IN NET SURPLUS,
AN INCREASE IN INCOME,
AN INCREASE IN BUSINESS IN FORCE,
OVER 105,800 MEMBERS INTERESTED.

The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was held in the Association's Building, corner Broadway & Duane St., New York City, on Wednesday, January 22nd, and was attended by a large and representative gathering of policy holders who listened with keen interest to the masterly Annual Report of President Burnham.

Many policy holders evidently regarded this as a favorable opportunity to meet face to face the new chief executive officer of the Association, President Frederick A. Burnham, the man whose grasp of life insurance, whose keen executive ability and strong individuality have enabled him to take up the work laid down in death by the founder of the institution, the late Edward B. Harper, and make of the administration of his office of President, not an echo or copy of that of his predecessor, but a piece of finished work, characteristic of a man of independent views, and worthy to follow the work which had carried the Association to a position never attained in the same length of time by any life insurance organization in the world. It is rare, indeed, that a great institution like this passes, without check to its prosperity, through a change in the executive chief, for it is rare indeed that a chief like the late Mr. Harper finds so able a successor as President Burnham.

The record of the year 1895 speaks for itself, and shows the following gratifying results.

The GROSS ASSETS have increased during the year from $5,536,115.99 to $5,661,707,82.

The NET SURPLUS over liabilities shows a NET GAIN for the year of $306,329.43, and now amounts to $3,582,509.32.

The INCOME from all sources shows a gain for the year of $631,541.97, and amounts to $5,575,281.56.

DEATH CLAIMS to the amount of $4,084,074.92 were paid during the year, an increase over the previous year of $1,013,560.91.

The BUSINESS IN FORCE shows a gain for the year of $15,293,265, and now amounts to $308,659,371.

Counting three hundred working days in the year the daily average income for 1895 is $18,584.27; the daily average payments for death claims, $13,652.25, and the daily average gain in business in force within a fraction of $51,000.

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VENICE A DELUSION.

An Englishman Sneers at Its Canals and Distances.

An Englishman who had seen Venice but to be disillusioned, writes of his impressions to the Westminster Budget as follows:

"Here is a description of what these canals are, taken from my diary, and it is literally truthful, which the poets and the painters never are. On either side staggers a crowd of decayed buildings; from the roof downward they are a mass of squalid ruin; broken balconies cling to the stained and discolored walls, great scabs of plaster have fallen from their fronts as if a leprosy had eaten them; for a foot above the water the walls are black with slime, the broken windows are stuffed with rags and paper, the shattered steps lead up to doors that swing by one hinge; the steps themselves are slippery with a greasy scum; to the edge of the lower stairs there is a fringe of foul green weed—it swings slowly in the crawling water; the iron grilles, once so beautiful, are eaten by bitter salt rust; the shutters hang at all angles, flapping and creaking in the wind; in the crazy balconies there is a lumber of broken flower pots with dead flowers in them; and through all these reeking alleys the greenish gray water slowly pulses and oozes, covered with straw, egg shells cabbage stalks and nameless refuse. Over all this brood a hundred filthy and obscene smells, each canal contributing a particularly putrid stench of its own. No longer does Venice sit in state; hour by hour and stone by stone she is surely sinking in her dishonored grave.

"Night in Venice and music on the canal—that surely would have its old charm. I had pictured the soft air, pulsing with sweet voices, and over all a sky 'thick inlaid with patiness of bright gold.' Well, every night about 8 the singing certainly began, guitars tinkled, and now and then one heard a fairly good tenor voice, but as a rule the men's voices were harsh and worn. And the women's indescribably shrill, and the songs they sang were Verdi and Bellini at their worst. 'Ah che la Morte' and its companion absurdities. And when once they began they kept on; no sooner had one boat load of singers exhausted their repertoire than another took up its place and repeated the same songs with the same quaverings and tinklings."

MR. PLATT'S BREEZY LETTER.

He Says He Has Made an Ass of Himself and Asks Pity.

In a letter to the Michigan Club, a Republican organization, on the occasion of its celebration of Washington's birthday, ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt wrote as follows in an answer to an invitation to attend, addressed to the President of the Michigan Club:

MY DEAR SIR: Again am I complimented and honored by the invitation of the Michigan Club to be present as a guest at the eleventh annual banquet on Friday night. I have not married a wife or bought a yoke of oxen, but I have made an ass of myself by assuming certain political burdens which I must carry out at this time. I shall grin and weep while you celebrate, for I have a complete conception of the magnificence of your banquets and the eloquence of your orators. Pity me and pray for the man whom the angelic press pictures as so satanic.

T. C. PLATT.

Slow But Healthy.

The Italian battleship Christoforo Colombo has a curious arrangement for furnishing her seamen with drinking water. Experience proved that drinking large quantities of cold water after violent exercise, especially while cruising in the tropics, caused many deaths. The water tanks on the battleship were designed to prevent such indiscretion.

The water tanks on the vessel are connected with innumerable little rubber hoses, and on the end of each hose is a rubber nipple. When any seaman wants drinking water he must turn a stop cock and then suck it through the hose and nipple. It is slow work, but it has been found that it preserves many valuable lives.—San Francisco Post.

A Novel Protection for Ships.

An inventor proposes to utilize the compass of a ship to warn the navigators of the approach of danger. He has constructed a compass which is regulated by a chemical which will not be affected by the magnetic force on board the ship, but will be keenly sensitive to minute symptoms from any other magnetic influence exerted at a distance from the vessel up to possibly two miles. This compass when affected by the magnetism oscillates about an eighth of an inch, so the inventor asserts. When it is so affected the metal connections on the rim of the dial plate will close a circuit, causing bells to ring in the engine room as well as in the pilot house and on the bridge.—N. Y. Tribune.

For Insulting the Emperor.

A little girl of Metz, 14 years old, named Louise Fuchs, has just been condemned to eight days' imprisonment for having insulted the German Emperor. The insult consisted in writing a private letter to one of her little friends, in which there was something disrespectful to his Majesty. Such sentences are quite common in Alsace-Lorraine.

Mme. Bernhardt a-Wheel.

Mme. Bernhardt demonstrated the use of the bicycle last summer during her stay at her quiet little home in Brittany by the sea. The hostess and her guests all wore fisher costumes, and took all their jaunts on their wheels, while once a week the entire party went to Palais to buy provisions, which they carried back with them.

His Calculation.

Inspector—You don't carry enough life-preservers.

Steamboat Man—Oh, I guess there are enough for the people who would think of them in an emergency.—Puck.

"BILL" NYE'S NAME.

He Explains the "Bill" In a Letter to Eli Perkins.

In a recent article on the late humorist, "Eli Perkins" publishes the following letter:

Dear Sir: You ask me how I came to adopt the nom de plume of Bill Nye, and I can truthfully reply that I did not do so at all.

My first work was done on a territorial paper in the Rocky Mountains some twelve years ago, and was not signed. The style, or rather the lack of it, provoked some comment and two or three personal encounters. Other papers began to wonder who was responsible, and various names were assigned by them as the proper one, among them Henry Nye, James Nye, Robert Nye, etc., and a general discussion arose, in which I did not take a hand. The result was a compromise, by which I was christened Bill Nye, and the name has clung to me.

I am not especially proud of the name for it conveys the idea to strangers that I am a lawless, profane, and dangerous man. People who judge me by the brief and bloody name alone, instinctively shudder and examine their firearms. It suggests daring, debauchery, and defiance to the law. Little children are called in when I am known to be at large, and a day of fasting is announced by the Governor of the State. Strangers seek to entertain me by showing me the choice iniquities of their town. Eminent criminals ask me to attend their execution and assist them in accepting their respective dooms. Amateur criminals ask me to revise their work and to suggest improvements.

All this is the cruel result of an accident, for I am not that kind of a man. Had my work been the same, done over the signature of "Taxpayer" or "Vox Populi" how different might have been the result! Seeking as I am, in my poor, weak, way, to make folly appear foolish, and to make men better by speaking disrespectfully of their errors, I do not deserve to be regarded, even by strangers, as a tough or a terror, but rather as a plain, law abiding American citizen, who begs leave to subscribe himself, yours, for the Public Weal,

EDGAR WILSON NYE.

A LONG SLEDGE RIDE.

A Trip of Two Thousand Miles Over Snow and Ice.

Captain Joseph Wiggins is returning from Siberia by the overland route. A Sunderland engineer who accompanied the last expedition to the Kara Sea and has just returned home, relates an exciting experience which befell some of the crew who became separated from the ship while on shore at Auchaka. The ice unexpectedly broke up, and, as it would have brought disaster on the ship to have remained, the Lorna Doone had to sail without them.

The party left behind included two cooks, belonging to Stockton and Newcastle, a Sunderland engineer, and Mr. Layburn Popham, brother of one of the owners. The party were obliged to travel homeward by sledges, the journey occupying over four months and covering a distance of 2,000 miles over snow and ice. At Archangel the party had their Christmas dinner with the British Consul, and they then resumed their sledge drive to Moscow, where they took the train to St. Petersburg. They came from Reval to London by steamship, and arrived in England none the worse for their remarkable journey.—London Times.

CHEAP ENOUGH!

A Four Course Dinner Furnished for a Dime a Plate.

Mrs. I. F. Guiwits, on Pennsylvania avenue, gave a challenge poverty dinner last week to eight guests. She announced that she would serve a palatable dinner of four courses, at 2 1-2 cents a course. It was pronounced a success, and, as it was a challenge, each one is striving to do still better. The dinner was decidedly informal, and Mrs. Guiwits had to answer all questions regarding the cost and expense of each article on the bill of fare. Menu cards in French told the following story:

Vegetable Soup.
Mock Duck. Mashed Potatoes.
Macaroni and Cheese.
Cabbage Salad. Mayonnaise.
Banquet Wafers.
Bread and Butter. Salted Peanuts.
Indian Pudding. Tea.

Coffee was served in the parlor, but it was not included in the bill of fare.—Kansas City Star.

The American Wife.

In talking with an American about the different conditions of women in Japan and the United States, a Japanese diplomat once said: "When I marry I take a head servant; when you marry you become one."

A man who recently visited Japan quotes a remark in a somewhat similar vein made by a Japanese interpreter. "I sat one day," he said, "at the door of a dining-room in a hotel in Tokio, where all kinds of foreigners were staying, and I watched them as they came in. The Frenchman came in with madame on his arm; the Englishman came in so (imitating a pompous, self-important personage). And his wife? Oh, she came after him like this (dramatizing a meek and timid woman following). And the American husband? The American husband?

"Oh, he's not in it. Madame sails in ahead of him, and he just walks behind wherever she goes."

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Must Use The Knife

Said the Surgeon, but Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy was taken and the Knife Avoided.

The Union and Advertiser of Rochester, N. Y., recently published the following interesting account of how William W. Adams of 127 South avenue, that city was saved from a painful operation by the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

Mr. Adams said: "Three years ago I was taken with kidney disease very badly; at times I was completely prostrated; in fact, was so bad that the day was set for the doctors to perform an operation upon me. But I decided I would not submit. I had been put in hot water baths, and, in fact, nearly every means was tried to help me. Upon the day set for the operation I commenced the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, and from that moment began to gain, and it was not long before I was entirely cured and have had no return of the trouble since. My weight has increased and I never was so well as I am now. I have recommended

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY

to many people, for it saved my life."

In speaking to Mrs. Adams, she said: "About a year ago I was in a very feeble state of health, being completely run down I had doctored considerably, but without permanent relief. One day one of my neighbors advised me to take Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, which I did My trouble was dyspepsia, and for a long while I was unable to be about at all; but after taking a few doses I was completely cured, and now enjoy good health."

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By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Penna., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county and state of Penna., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded on the north by Huntingdon creek, on the east and south by public road, and on the west by Abraham Eveland, containing ONE ACRE of land more or less, whereon are erected a

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J. B. McHENRY,
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Andes, late of Hemlock township deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the accountant to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

W. H. SNYDER, Auditor.
3-11-4t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Fred Schwinn, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Fred Schwinn, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

CATHARINE SCHWINN, Administratrix, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Herring, Atty.
3-5-6t.

CHARTER NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said court on the 30th day of March, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., under the "Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and its supplements, by I. D. White, J. K. Lockard, H. G. Sherwood, W. O. Holmes and W. U. Jury for the charter of an intended corporation to be called The Industrial Club, the character and object of which is the maintenance of a club for social enjoyment, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act and its supplements.

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ABOUT THE "BAD BOY."

It would be difficult to imagine anything funnier than Mr. George W. Peck's book, "The Bad Boy and His Pa," but a funnier creation does not exist than Mr. Pidgin's play of the same name. This is because word painting, no matter how clever, cannot be as vivid as actual action. You laugh when you read the Bad Boy's tricks, but you roar when you see the same boy, in flesh and blood, perform those tricks. "Peck's Bad Boy" is a famous work. For the benefit of the many who are acquainted with the piece, it may be stated that the cast is much improved, and that the play has received additions which are decidedly side splitting and surprising.

Opera House, Monday March 23.

Instantly Killed.

On Friday last Ambrose Biddle, a well known resident of White Hall, met with an accident by which he lost his life. In the afternoon he went to his stable and while harnessing the horses one of them kicked him on the neck. He was picked up and Dr. Shuman, of Jerseytown, sent for, who found that death was instantaneous, due to a broken neck. The deceased leaves a wife and two small children.

FREE INFORMATION.

Messrs. C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., lawyers and agents for procuring patents, will send free to any address, pamphlets with information about home and foreign patents, caveats, copyrights, trademarks, infringements, design patents, abstracts of decisions, etc., as well as the cost of patents in the United States and foreign countries.

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P. O. S. of A. in Pennsylvania.

The annual tabular report of State Secretary Weand, of the P. O. S. of A., which has been delayed owing to the tardiness of a number of subordinate camps in sending in their reports to the State Camp, will be issued during the coming week and will contain the following items of interest: Number of members initiated during the year ending December 31, 10,182; admitted by card, 209; reinstated, 1,221; total membership, 53,061; amount paid out benefits during the year, $112,826.87; total receipts, $355,193.36; expenses, $208,302.23; total amounts in subordinate camp treasuries, $153,459.94; invested in real estate, bonds, etc., $539,831.69; value of paraphernalia, $209,149.01; total valuation, $902,446.64.

Mrs. J. B. Martin, of West Second street, left last Wednesday for Kendall Creek, McKean county, where she will make her home. Mr. Martin is employed by an oil company and has been stationed in that section for a long time, and is now permanently located. Their household goods were sent out last week, and Mrs. Martin will be met by her husband at Bradford. Their friends in this section wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

H. U. Sweppenheiser, of Centre, lost a valuable horse on Sunday. It appears that about three weeks ago the animal, while tied at a post was bitten by a mad dog said to belong to Joseph Fausey, the same dog that bit the Kline girl and colored boy at Espy. Mr. Sweppenheiser was very careful and watched his horse closely to discover, if possible, any symptoms of madness. All seemed right until Sunday when the animal became mad and could not be controlled. All was done for it that they could possibly think of, but of no avail, and as a last resort it was shot.

For printing paper books, catalogues or pamphlets of any kind, the COLUMBIAN office is the best equipped of any establishment in this section. All kinds of job printing neatly and promptly done, at prices that compete with city work. When other offices cannot do your work, come to us and we will get it out for you.

Judge B. M. Peck of Towanda was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday, and there is no hope of his recovery. His death will leave a vacancy on the bench of Bradford county to be filled by the Governor, and it is probable that Hon. James H. Codding will be appointed.

Senator Cochran of Williamsport will sail for Europe next week.

Phonographic entertainment at the M. E. Church tonight.

"TAKEN IN."

"I used often to read the newspaper aloud to my wife," said Bert Robinson, "and once I was fairly 'taken in' by a patent medicine advertisement. The seductive paragraph began with a modest account of the seaserpent, but ended by setting forth the virtues of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which, it was alleged, was a cure for all Bronchial, Throat and Lung troubles, and would even cure Consumption, if taken in time. The way I was taken in was this: I had lung disease, and I bought a bottle of the remedy; I was a stranger to it, and it took me in—and cured me." Robinson's experience is identical with that of thousands of others. So true is this, that after witnessing, for many years, the marvelous cures of Bronchial, Throat and Lung affections wrought by this wonderful remedy, its manufacturers feel warranted in saying that this remedy *will cure 98 per cent.* of all cases of consumption, if taken in the earlier stages of the disease. This may seem like a bold assertion to those familiar only with the means generally in use for its treatment; as, nasty cod liver oil and its filthy emulsions, extract of malt, whiskey, different preparations of hypophosphites and such like *palliatives.*

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NEWSPAPERS AND POLITICAL CRUMBS.

During a discussion of newspapers at a recent meeting of the Sunset Club in Green Bay, Wis., a suggestion was offered by a representative of the Advocate of that place to the effect that newspapers were too often expected to feed upon the crumbs which fall from the party table; that while hundreds of dollars may be expended in torchlight processions and the enormous fee paid some noted speaker, the newspaper, which is the greatest vote-winner of the age, generally finds that its services are not properly appreciated.

No reputable newspaper wants "boodle," said the speaker. There is a wide distinction between a just compensation for services rendered and "boodle." When notices are inserted which are printed for no other purpose than to advertise a coming caucus, convention or rally, then they should be paid for without more question than a merchant would pay for a notice announcing a clearing out sale. A newspaper is expected to give the facts as it finds them, and if it thinks that the principles of a certain party are the better for the country, it should not attempt to conceal that belief. It should labor incessantly for the success of that party to which it belongs, but it should not be asked for other than legitimate services.

If extra papers are printed for special occasions, they should be paid for. If a certain candidate desires to have a column article printed regarding himself, he should at least inquire what it is worth.

The following experience was related by another newspaper man: "During the last campaign, I engaged an extra reporter at a salary of $15 a week for two months. I printed article after article lauding the worthiness of the several candidates for the office they aspired to. I published notice after notice announcing rallies, etc.; and when the campaign was over a single candidate came in and thanked me, and he was one that was not elected. No other member of the committee has spoken to me since, and while some of the candidates might have referred to the matter, not one of them has done so."

The method to rectify this feeling, which is all too evident in political parties, is through the manifestation of independence by the newspaper; by serving its readers in a manner that they must respect; by being uniformly truthful and just in its treatment of party questions and party leaders and candidates. For the newspaper to magnify the excellencies and cover up the weaknesses of its own party and to conceal the excellencies and magnify the weaknesses of the opposite party, is to eventually terminate in journalistic degradation and invite the leaders of political parties to consider their party papers as institutions which deserve neither respect nor legitimate support.—*Newspaperdom.*

The foregoing truthfully depicts the experience of nearly every newspaper publisher. Many years ago we discovered that the only successful way to conduct a newspaper is to let the politicians fight their own personal battles, and to keep out of factional fights and intrigues. It has been our policy to decline to participate editorially in newspaper quarrels, or to volunteer a defense of any one attacked by other papers, when the persons most interested have not seen fit to defend themselves. Our columns are always open to anyone who has anything to say over his own name, and when misrepresentations have been made, we are always willing to publish the facts correctly, if the interested party has seen fit to furnish us with the material to set him right before the public. With a business that occupies his entire attention, a publisher ought not to be expected to spend his time on work for which he gets no pay, and, in most instances is not even thanked for his trouble. The columns of a newspaper are the editor's stock in trade, just as much as are the goods on the shelves of the merchant. They belong to him, and out of them he expects to make his living. Why then should they be given away without compensation?

Editors are frequently accused of cowardice because they refuse to print articles to which the writer is afraid to sign his name; and we know that we have been called "the silent" because we have refrained from participation in personal quarrels through our columns, but the results in business have been such as to fully satisfy us that the policy pursued has been the correct one, and we propose to adhere to it.

MARRIED.

McHenry and Fausey.—On the 14 inst., at the Reformed parsonage in Orangeville, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. Percy McHenry of Stillwater, and Miss Hattie Fausey of Bloomsburg.

On Saturday night last Fred Ikeler Esq., delivered his lecture on "Agitators," under the auspices of the Berwick Literary Society in the Y. M. C. A. hall before a large and delighted audience. The address is very highly spoken of by the Berwick people.

Married.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Barber, on Wednesday evening, occurred the pretty quiet wedding which united Miss Betsey Robison Barber and Charles W. Bachelor. The home was beautifully decorated and brilliantly lighted.

The bride was dressed in a simple cream silk, the simplicity of which tended to accent the natural dignity and grace of her carriage. Promptly at eight o'clock the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father, she was met at the north end of the parlor by the groom and Rev. Barrett. Standing under a beautiful floral bell the vows were exchanged. After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served in the dining room.

"Miss Bessie" hast hosts of friends and admirers in the city where she has passed so many years of her girlhood and all join in good wishes for her future. Though only relatives and most intimate friends of the bride were bidden to the wedding, the gifts were many and valuable, testifying to the high regard in which the bride is held.

Mr. Bachelor is one of our prominent business men and stands well in the esteem of all. Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor left for their new home in the west side in the midst of a shower of rice and good wishes.—McPherson (Kansas) *Republican* March 5th.

The bride is a niece of Capt. J. B. Robison of this place.

Death of Mrs. Dr. J. C. Mather.

Irene, wife of Dr. J. C. Mather, of Rohrsburg, died on Sunday morning at half past eleven o'clock, at the residence of her father, W. W. Eves, in Millville. The deceased had not been in good health for a long time but for a while seemed to improve, and about three weeks ago went on a visit to her father's and grew worse before being able to return home. She was aged twenty-one years and is survived by a husband. Funeral services at the Friends Meeting House Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Eliza Webb, a maiden lady who with her sister resided above Afton for many years, died Sunday morning aged eighty-three years. The funeral services and interment were held today.

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New line of side combs, 3c, 5c, 7c, 10c pair.

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